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MANDATORY SAFETY AUDITS OF SCHOOLS, MENTAL HEALTH HELP

The Ministry of Education on Saturday issued a fiat to all states and UTs to take urgent steps to ensure the safety and well-being of students

'REPORT ANY THREAT TO KIDS WITHIN A DAY'

Mandatory safety audits of schools and child-related facilities as per national safety codes, providing psychosocial support through counselling and reporting any dangerous incident involving children within 24 hours to designated authorities are among the measures proposed. All schools used by children must undergo safety audits via national safety codes | P9

COORDINATION FROM PARENTS SOUGHT

- The order also mandated training for staff and students to tackle emergencies, including evacuation drills, first aid and safety protocol
- The order called upon education departments, school boards and affiliated authorities to act without any delay in implementing the measures, through the help of parents, guardians and local bodies

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STUDENTS WERE KILLED AT A SCHOOL IN RAJASTHAN, LEADING TO THE FIAT

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

IN STEP

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Army Vice Chief Lt General N S Raja Subramani, Navy Chief Adm Dinesh K Tripathi and Air Chief Marshal A P Singh as they march to pay tributes to the Kargil War martyrs at the National War Memorial (L) on the Kargil Vijay Diwas anniversary, in New Delhi. (Right) Veterans offer floral tributes to the Veeragallu that was inaugurated in honour of Kargil War martyrs in Bengaluru on Saturday | PTI & SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SIT begins probe in Dharmasthala mass burial case

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) began its investigation into the Dharmasthala mass burial case, and the whistleblower, who is also the witness-complainant in the case, recorded his statement before investigating officer Jitendra Kumar Dayama on Saturday.

The SIT has set up office at the PWD Inspection Bungalow (IB) at Mallikatte in Kadri in Mangaluru.

On Friday, SIT officials DIG MN Anucheth and Dayama arrived in Mangaluru and officially took over the case files from the Dakshina Kannada police. After formal procedures, they collected preliminary information in the case. On Friday night, Dayama visited the Dharmasthala police station and collected additional information. "We have taken over the case and started the investigation," an official, part of the SIT, said.

Sources said that the advocates representing the witness-complainant were issued notices on Friday to appear before the SIT to record his statement. On Saturday, the whistleblower arrived at the SIT office with his advocates around 11 am and recorded his statement till evening. A senior police officer, part of the SIT, said that another office will be established at Belthangady, while a helpline too will be set up.

The complainant, who was a sanitation worker, had filed a complaint with the Dakshina Kannada SP and Dharmasthala police station, alleging that he was threatened into burying bodies of persons who were victims of rape and murder in Dharmasthala village and surrounding areas.

A case was registered at the Dharmasthala police station on July 4. The state government constituted the SIT on July 19 and it is headed by Pranav Mohanty, DIG, Internal Security Division, with DIG (Recruitment) MN Anucheth, DCP of the CAR headquarters Soumyalatha and SP Jitendra Kumar Dayama as members. The decision to form the SIT came after Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Nagalakshmi Choudhary wrote a letter to the state government.

Witness complainant arrives at PWD IB at Mallikatte along with advocates

EXPRESS READ

Asia Cup: India to play Pakistan on Sept 14

CHENNAI: The much-anticipated men's Asia Cup schedule was announced on Saturday with India and Pakistan slotted in same group. They will play each other on September 14 in the tournament that is being held in the United Arab Emirates from September 9-28. The Board of Control for Cricket in India is the host, but the tournament will be held in a neutral venue | P15

Thailand, Cambodia exchange fresh fire

SURIN (THAILAND): Thailand and Cambodia traded accusations of fresh attacks on Saturday as deadly border clashes entered a third day and international pressure mounted for a ceasefire. The fighting has killed at least 33 people and displaced more than 1,68,000. Artillery and small arms fire were reported near several border villages.

2 thieves target 5 stores on Lavelle Rd, close to DCP's office

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

TWO thieves have had a field day, stealing cash and valuables from five neighbouring shops on the upmarket Lavelle Road, which is close to the office of the Central division's Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP).

They have struck between 3.30 am and 5.30 am on Thursday. CCTV footage from all the shops shows the same two accused involved in all the five thefts at IRIS Aroma Boutique, Louis Philippe showroom, Jean-Claude Biguine Salon & Spa, Hakim's Aalim salon and Nykaa Luxe cosmetics stores. The managers from all the stores filed complaints at the Cubbon Park police station on Thursday.

Of the five stores, IRIS Aroma Boutique, Louis Philippe showroom and Nykaa Luxe store have glass doors and the thieves have entered them by breaking open the glass door locks. The other two stores had shutter doors, and the accused have broken open the locks. J Intiyaz, manager of IRIS Aroma Boutique, Mallikarjun, manager of Louis Philippe showroom, BP Puneeth, area manager of Jean-Claude Biguine Salon & Spa, Rijesh, manager of Hakim's Aalim salon, and Daniel, store manager of Nykaa Luxe cosmetics stores, have filed police complaints. P5

No timeline for completion of negotiations on bilateral trade deal

Trade talks with US making fast progress: Goyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TALKS on the India-US trade deal is progressing fast, Minister of Commerce and Industries Piyush Goyal said on Saturday. Negotiations are at an advanced stage with Oman as well, while with the European Union and US, they are making fast progress, he said.

Goyal, however, refused to give any timeline for the completion of the US deal even as the extended deadline (August 1) for imposition of the reciprocal tariff is less than a week away. According to commerce ministry sources, a delegation of US negotiators is likely to come to India in the second half of August for talks on the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). India faces a 26% reciprocal tariff if there is no trade deal by August 1.

Goyal said that the India-UK trade agreement serves as a doorway for India to engage with the developed world. He said that unlike past FTAs under the UPA government, which were often signed with direct competitors like ASEAN nations, the Modi government has focused on FTAs with complementary economies like Mauritius, Australia, UAE, and the EFTA bloc (Switzerland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland).

"The business opportunities, the quality and cost competitiveness of Indian goods and services, the demographic dividend of our young and aspirational population, the rule of law, and the strength of our democracy all make India a preferred global partner," he said.

In future, when Kolhapuri sandals are exported, India will get credit. It will be exported as India's GI product

—Piyush Goyal, minister

Major pushback against Trump's GM playbook

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INDIA is firm on its stance against importing genetically modified (GM) crops from the US, sources in the government said. It has been our stated position for long and it remains so, said a top government source. Import of GM crops has been a bone of contention between the two countries during the trade negotiations. With the government now making its stance clear, the Trump playbook will find full resistance on GM crops.

The US is pressing India to allow imports of GM crops such as soybean meal and distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) for animal feed. Initially, the India did not strongly oppose the idea of some tariff cuts on farm goods or even selective GM imports. However, after facing strong domestic resistance, India seems to have hardened its position as far as GM imports are concerned.

A Niti Aayog report had suggested a "strategic opening for US imports" for broader export gains. It proposed importing GM soybean seeds, crushing them at coastal facilities, selling oil domestically and exporting soymeal (with GM traits) to avoid domestic contamination. But experts panned it citing weak regulatory oversight.

Another major area of difference between the two countries is imports of animals fed on animal-derived feed — for example, butter from cows fed meat — due to deep religious sensitivities. India prohibits such animals and it considers this policy non-negotiable.

ADR rejoinder rebuts EC's claim that it has right to verify citizenship in Bihar

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

RESPONDING to the Election Commission's counter affidavit filed on July 21, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) on Saturday told the Supreme Court that the EC's electoral roll verification goes against the SC's past judgments, and was a "grave fraud" on voters.

The ADR's rejoinder came after the ECI had on July 21 submitted its reply defending the Bihar SIR (Special Intensive Revision) exercise and said it was done to restore public confidence and integrity of electoral rolls.

The court will hear pleas challenging SIR on Monday.

The ADR also questioned the refusal by the Election Commission to accept Aadhaar, Voter ID and ration card as valid "standalone" proof for inclusion in the electoral roll during the SIR, ad described it as "patently absurd". It submitted that the ECI has given no valid reason for its decision.

On July 10, a bench of justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Joymalya Bagchi, while refusing to stay SIR, asked the EC to consider Aadhaar, Voter ID, and ration card for the exercise. But the EC argued that Aadhaar, voter cards and ration cards could easily be faked. The ADR said any of the 11 documents for SIR were equally prone to fraud. "SIR is being conducted in a manner that constitutes a grave fraud on the voters of Bihar," the ADR said.

It also alleged glaring discrepancies in SIR. "Media reports suggest how enumeration forms are being filled in the absence of voters," the ADR said.

Odisha prepares to undertake SIR

Amid the row over the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar, the Odisha government is gearing up to undertake the exercise soon. It will be conducted after a gap of over two decades | P5

Bihar horror: Chirag raps CM on ambulance rape

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A 26-year-old woman with a dream to don the khaki appeared at a physical test for recruitment of Home Guards in Bihar's Gaya but was allegedly gangraped in an ambulance after she fainted during the test on Thursday.

The horrific incident drew widespread outrage as cracks appeared in the ruling NDA in Bihar when Union minister Chirag Paswan expressed "regret" over having to support the Nitish government, which he said had "surrendered" before criminals.

The young woman, a resident of Imamganj in Gaya, narrated her ordeal to hospital authorities after regaining consciousness. Hospital authorities, in turn, informed police, following which an FIR was registered. Gaya SSP Anand Kumar said two accused, Vinay Kumar (driver) and Ajit Kumar (technician), have already been arrested and produced in court, which remanded them in 14-day judicial custody.

The victim, in her statement, said she was gangraped by three-four individuals travelling in the ambulance arranged to transport her from the BMP-3 ground to the Magadh Medical College and Hospital. "Though I was in semi-conscious state, I felt the pain in my ... abdomen," she said.

Chirag's remarks came two days after he heaped praise on Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor for playing an 'honest' role in Bihar politics. Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav asked voters to vote the NDA out. "Bihar is under the rule of demons," Yadav said.

INHUMAN ACT

Uncared for? Man kills 2 nephews, injures third

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a heart-wrenching incident, a 25-year-old man allegedly killed his brother's two sons -- aged six and nine years, and also attacked the third son, who is in a critical condition.

The accused, **Khaseem** (25), a daily wage labourer, has been arrested. His brother, Chand Pasha, his wife Rehana, mother, and three sons, stay at Kammasandra. The family, which hails from Yadgir, has been living in the city for the last five years. Pasha works as a construction labourer, while his wife is a garment factory worker.

The incident occurred at Kammasandra in the Hebbagodi police limits on Saturday afternoon. The deceased boys, Ishaq (9) and Junaid (6), were studying in Class 2 and UKG at government schools. The injured third child, Roshan (5), is an LKG student.

Khaseem attacked the boy between 1.15 pm and 1.30 pm when their parents were away at work. Though their grandmother usually stayed at home, on Saturday she had gone to collect her pension. Khaseem struck the three boys with an iron rod and stones, smashing their heads and private parts. When his mother returned, she found the door locked. She screamed and pleaded for it to be opened, but Khaseem did not respond. The neighbours then broke open the door and found two children lying in a pool of blood. The third child, who was critically injured, was rushed to the hospital, the police said.

The neighbours immediately called Namma 112 and a team rushed to the spot and arrested the accused. During questioning, Khaseem claimed that he attacked the children as his brother and sister-in-law were not taking proper care of him. The police also said Khaseem appeared to be mentally unstable. He will be produced before court and the police will seek his custody for further investigation, the police said.

PM MODI

INAUGURATES INFRA PROJECTS IN TN

The projects are related to airports, highways, railways, ports and power in Tamil Nadu, including a new Tuticorin airport terminal building, developed at a cost of around ₹450 crore | P5

ALMANAC TODAY
Sunday: 27.07.2025 • Year: Vishwavasu • Ayana: Dakhsinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Sravana • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Thrutheeya 10.07 pm
Nakshatra: Makha 5.47 pm • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER MIN 20°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST: Passing showers. Overcast
Sunrise 06.04 am | Sunset 06.48 pm | Moonrise 08.11 am | Moonset 08.52 pm

Balaganur, a remote village in Gadag district, is in the news after Dr Pradeep S Ugalat converted his 10-acre barren land into a mini-forest by spending over ₹16 lakh

The mini forest created by Dr Pradeep S Ugalat

FOR THE LOVE OF NATURE!

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR
@ Huilgol, Gadag

A DENTIST and nature lover from Gadag has turned his 10-acre dryland into a mini-forest, which is now home to many birds and animals.

The idea of creating the mini-forest hit Dr Pradeep S Ugalat, 49, during a visit to his semi-arid land at Balaganur village near Huilgol in Gadag district in 2016. When he discussed his idea with his friends, they discouraged him. They pointed out to him that lack of water on the land would not help him grow a forest and he would not get any returns for his effort.

Undeterred, Pradeep first planted thorny cactus around his land as a natural fence to prevent cattle and other animals from straying into it. Later, he brought saplings of over 100 species, including sandalwood, subabul, neem, teak and mahogany, which need less water to grow, and planted them during monsoon.

He made trenches across his land to harvest rainwater and that helped the saplings grow faster. He never used fertilisers as he believes that they affect the soil fertility and plants in the long run. To attract birds and small mammals, he planted fruit-bearing saplings such as custard apple, guava, jujube, amla and tamarind. Within four years, birds started nesting in his mini-forest. Squirrels, lizards, spiders and other small animal species are now part of this forest.

In the first few months of planting the saplings, Pradeep, who has a clinic in Gadag, visited his land every day and tended to the plants. His struggle did not go in vain as the remote village of Balaganur is now in news for Pradeep's mini-forest.

"I have always been close to nature since my childhood. I was involved in conservation activities, like planting saplings and tending to them during my school days. We could not grow any commercial crops on this ancestral property due to poor rainfall and lack of irrigation facilities. In 2016, I decided to convert this land into a forest by planting saplings that grow in semi-arid conditions. My friends, who were against my idea, now visit my mini-forest frequently," he told TNSE.

"I have planted 15,000 saplings and spent around Rs 16 lakh in the last nine years. My aim is to make this an ideal biodiversity park and throw it open to nature lovers," he said.

Dr MD Samudri, head of the Department of Shalya Tantra, DGM Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, Gadag, said, "Dr Pradeep Ugalat, a renowned dentist from Gadag, has turned his barren land at Balaganur into a unique mini-forest without expecting any returns. It was possible because of his grit and determination and support from his wife Neelambika. Many environmentalists, nature lovers, forest officials and even scientists now frequent his mini-forest."

Dr Pranesh Jahagirdar, Rotary assistant regional public image coordinator, said, "Pradeep, who was secretary of the Rotary Club during my tenure as district governor in 2008-09, created the mini-forest because of his love of nature. I have visited his mini-forest several times and have had an exhilarating experience each time. The greenery, cool breeze and chirping of birds is a treat for nature lovers."

Prof Bandenawaz Ramadurga, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, RGUHS, Bengaluru, said such mini-forests are the need of the hour. Cities, towns and villages should have such a healthy ecosystem.

Natural fence

To prevent cattle and other animals straying into his mini-forest, Dr Pradeep has planted cactus around it instead of erecting a barbed-wire fence. The fully-grown thorny cactus acts as a natural barrier.

I have planted 15,000 saplings and spent around Rs 16 lakh on my mini-forest in the last nine years. My aim is to make this an ideal biodiversity park and throw it open for nature lovers in the future
- Dr Pradeep S Ugalat

AFTER 16-YEAR WAIT

Veeragallu finally stands tall at Military Memorial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

After a 16-year wait, marking the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the 75-feet high Veeragallu (hero stone) at the National Military Memorial here on Saturday. The 700-tonne granite monolith stands as a solemn tribute to the valour and sacrifice of Indian soldiers, especially those martyred in the 1999 Kargil conflict.

The event, organised by the National Soldiers' Memorial Management Trust, witnessed participation from senior military officers, war veterans, and families of martyrs. Siddaramaiah paid homage to the fallen soldiers and lauded their contribution in safeguarding the nation's borders.

Air Commodore Chandrashekhar (Retd), the visionary behind the National Military Memorial, was felicitated by the chief minister at the ceremony. Flight Lieutenant Lolaksha Madalu Srinivasa, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, and Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan were also present in the event.

Senior BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Friday welcomed the unveiling of the 75-feet Veeragallu at the National Military Memorial.

The former Union minister stated, "On this occasion, I feel a deep sense of pride and would like to remind the people of Karnataka and Bengaluru that -- this began 16 years ago, overcoming many roadblocks, hurdles, and the opposition of some insensitive individuals."

"But, this memorial stands as Karnataka and Bengaluru's homage to the service and sacrifice of the bravehearts of our Armed Forces, and the pain and loss borne by their families," he added.

(Top) The Veeragallu which was unveiled at the National Military Memorial to mark Kargil Vijay Diwas; (Above) CM Siddaramaiah greets war veterans at the event, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

... this memorial stands as Karnataka and Bengaluru's homage to the service and sacrifice of the bravehearts of our Armed Forces
Rajeev Chandrasekhar, BJP leader

BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao (sixth from right) and B.PAC members release 'IRR Street: Standstill to Active' report in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

B.PAC WORKS TO BETTER 7.5 KM OF INNER RING ROAD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BANGALORE Political Action Committee (B.PAC), an NGO, released the 'IRR Street: Standstill to Active' report here on Saturday, highlighting improvements along the 7.5-km Inner Ring Road stretch from Indiranagar to Madiwala, infamous for traffic congestion and poor safety.

Plagued with traffic congestion, road safety hazards, and poor pedestrian infrastructure, the IRR corridor is a lifeline for commuters connecting Domlur, Ejipura, Koramangala, and Indiranagar, including to the high-footfall Indiranagar Metro station.

The project, initiated in June 2023, involved B.PAC, BBMP, BMTC, Bengaluru Traffic Police, and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited.

Key highlights include the addition of nine MF5 buses on the Indiranagar-Koramangala route, increasing daily trips from 169 to 227. To improve walkability and safety, over 4,300 tonnes of debris, 129 tonnes of garbage, and 130 barricades were cleared. Rumble strips, zebra crossings, raised pedestrian crossings, and speed humps were installed at key crash hotspots.

Street lighting got a major boost with 45 new or repaired lights across dark spots. BBMP also approved pedestrian upgrades at Domlur flyover. Drainage improvements were proposed with kerb inlets every 5-7 metres, instead of 30 metre intervals, especially at flood-prone areas.

B.PAC Managing Trustee and Honorary CEO Revathy Ashok said, "The report is a testament to what sustained, citizen-led collaboration with government agencies can achieve in a complex urban environment like Bengaluru."

"This effort is not just about fixing one road — it's about proving that data, design, and dialogue can reshape public spaces to be safer, cleaner, and more accessible," she added.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao said, "IRR: Standstill to Active by B.PAC is a wonderful initiative and is much appreciated. We would love to partner with you and take up serious interventions. At least from my side, we can contribute enough funds to promote walkability initiatives. If you increase the footpaths, you will definitely increase the carrying capacity and it will reduce a lot of other issues and promote safety. This is something we are committed to."

South Zone RWAs seek better response from BBMP top brass

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

RESIDENTS' welfare associations in Chickpet and Basavangudi Assembly constituencies and other areas of the BBMP South Zone are reportedly upset over Palike Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao's alleged cold response to their grievances.

The RWA members on Saturday alleged that they had approached Rao recently to apprise him about the inconvenience and long waiting time involved in lodging complaints against anomalies related to illegal buildings mushrooming in their vicinity, besides other issues. The chief commissioner, however, hardly listened to them, before sending them away, they claimed.

VV Puram Resident Welfare Association member S Venkatesh said despite complaints and notices against certain illegal floors in their area, owners brazenly construct additional floors. When the matter was raised before the chief commissioner, he simply ignored it, Venkatesh alleged.

Blaming BBMP engineers for such constructions, Shrikar R, another member, stated: "We

ILLEGAL FLOORS

waited for hours to bring the matter before the chief commissioner, but he hardly gave us even five minutes of his time, before asking us to leave."

There were three RWAs from Basavanagudi and one from VV Puram, and they all wanted to report the mushrooming of illegal structures, despite the matter being brought to the notice of ward engineers. But they all had to leave disheartened due to poor response from top officials. "The officials cite court orders to escape taking up demolition work. The Supreme Court has given its direction against such unauthorised floors and buildings, but BBMP is known for not following orders. Palike engineers themselves may have entered into an MoU with owners for illegal floors," Shrikar pointed out.

Another resident challenged both BBMP Chief Commissioner Rao and Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar to act against illegal buildings.

Meanwhile, senior officials who coordinated the chief Commissioner's meeting with citizens confirmed that no complaints have been ignored, and Rao has directed that the grievances be addressed.

The residents also raised the issues of stray cattle and pigeon menace, for which Rao sought an inspection and report. Residents also highlighted problems related to inadequate street lighting in many parts of the South Zone. In response, Rao instructed that all non-functional street lights be promptly replaced. Additionally, he ordered officials to conduct night inspections and submit detailed reports.

FIBA Asia President Dr K Govindaraj presents a trophy to Australian women's basketball team captain Cayla George at the closing ceremony of the FIBA Women's Asia Cup in Shenzhen, China, recently. Australia defeated Japan in the final to clinch their first-ever FIBA Women's Asia Cup title | EXPRESS

Wheelchair-friendly toilet opens at Lalbagh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A wheelchair-accessible toilet was inaugurated at Lalbagh Botanical Garden on Saturday by Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya.

The facility has been constructed by the NGO 'Ramp My City', with support from the Australian Consulate in Bengaluru, at a spot provided by the Horticulture Department of the Karnataka Government, which manages Lalbagh.

The location for the toilet was identified by the MP's office. The project is part of a broader effort to improve accessibility in public spaces within the Bengaluru South constituency.

Previously, the MP's office and Ramp My City collaborated to install ramps at over 15 government offices and police stations. The NGO also constructed a wheelchair-friendly resting point for gig workers outside the Bengaluru South MP's office.

'Small, but powerful step'

"This facility is a small, but powerful step towards making our public spaces truly inclusive. It gives persons with disabilities the dignity and independence they deserve," shared Surya, adding, "Partnerships like these — between governments and civil society — are the way forward. Inclusion must be at the heart of public infrastructure."

The inauguration was attended by Australian High Commissioner to India Phillip Green, Australian Consul-General in Bengaluru Hillary McGreachy, and Prateek Khandelwal, founder of Ramp My City.

The new toilet is expected to be used by hundreds of differently-abled visitors, who frequent Lalbagh each week.

Road work crushes Kammanahalli traders

GAYATHRI M KURUP @ Bengaluru

FOR over seven months now, Nehru Road in Kammanahalli has been closed for construction — dug up, barricaded, and left incomplete. What was once a stretch filled with shoppers, food stalls, and daily commuters is now deserted.

The ongoing work has deeply impacted the livelihoods of small business owners in the area. With no vehicular access and reduced footfall, several shopkeepers say their daily income has dropped to a fraction of what it used to be.

"Our business is dead," says Vishnuram, who has been running a small store in the area for the past 20 years. "Customers today care only about safety. If they can't drive up to the shop, they won't come. Earlier there was life here, now it's just silence. Even if the road gets cleared, it'll take at least two years for business to pick up again."

"We used to make Rs 10,000 a day, now we're barely making Rs 2,000. Rent and staff salaries have become difficult," shared Ameen, a shopkeeper in the vicinity.

Asked about the delay, BBMP officials pointed to coordination issues with BWSSB. "The delay was because BWSSB hadn't given us the No-Objection Certificate (NOC) to start white-topping. They were still completing utility work — laying sewer and water lines, and giving connections to houses. BBMP cannot begin white-topping until BWSSB completes its works. We received the NOC only in July and began work soon after. In the last 20 days, we've completed around 400 metre of white-topping," a BBMP official said.

Make use of power that resides in own minds, says Nirmalanandanatha Swami

Bengaluru: "We must make use of the power that resides in our own minds. Modern education teaches us only what is visible to the eyes, not what is invisible. This event is a great opportunity to unveil your inner talents," said Nirmalanandanatha Swami, President of the Sri Adichunchanagiri Educational Trust. He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Vaibhav, a cultural programme organized at the BGS Health and Education City campus located on Uttarahalli Main Road. The event was attended by Prakashanatha Swami, Managing Director of BGS and SJB Group of Educational Institutions, actor Dhruva Sarja, Bhagawan, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, and others.

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A total of 103 tourists, who were trekking in the prohibited dense jungles of the Western Ghats near Bidirutala without permission from the Forest department, were taken into custody on Saturday. The incident occurred in a deep forest area of the Charmadi Ghat in Mudigere taluk

EXPRESS READ

Warehouse worker bludgeoned to death

Bengaluru: A 26-year-old warehouse employee was bludgeoned to death by bike-borne miscreants near Vinayaka Nagar in Anekal, on the outskirts of Bengaluru, on Friday night. The deceased, Ravikumar, was a resident of Soundarya Layout in Anekal. According to the police, three to four miscreants arrived on two bikes and brutally assaulted Ravikumar while he was at a tea shop with his friend. The assailants dragged him out of the shop and attacked him with sticks before fleeing the scene. Passersby rushed him to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on Saturday morning. According to preliminary probe he was in a relationship with a woman but had recently broken up with her. It is suspected that the woman's brother may have orchestrated the attack. However, the exact motive is yet to be established.

Belagavi man murdered over Rs 20,000 loan

Belagavi: Police have cracked the murder case of a man whose body was found in a sugarcane field in Kagawad taluk. The victim was killed allegedly by smashing a stone on his head, and the accused, Maimuddin Jamadar, has now been arrested. The deceased, Shashikant Honakamble (40), was found dead in a field belonging to Naleen. The crime took place on July 20 on the outskirts of Shedbal village, Kagawad taluk. According to the police, Shashikant was a moneylender, and Maimuddin had previously taken a loan from him. Though he had repaid his earlier debts along with interest, he had recently borrowed another Rs 20,000 from Shashikant.

Drunk man slits own throat in front of wife, bro-in-law

Accused of selling rice for alcohol

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

IN a shocking and tragic incident, a man allegedly died by suicide by slitting his throat in front of his wife and brother-in-law in Honninhal village, located in Belagavi taluk.

The deceased has been identified as Mallappa Katabugol (35), a resident of Honninhal village of Belagavi taluk. Reportedly, on the previous day, Mallappa sold ration rice from his household to purchase alcohol. After consuming liquor, he returned home in an inebriated state and began quarrelling with his wife Rekha.

Disturbed by the repeated arguments, Rekha called her brother Mallikarjun Badakappanavar of Mabanur village of Saundatti taluk to the house, hoping he could talk some sense into Mallappa and help resolve the situation.

However, instead of calming things down, a verbal altercation broke out between Mallappa and his brother-in-law on Friday morning at their home. The situation escalated quickly when Mallikarjun allegedly struck Mallappa with a wooden stick. In a fit of anger and desperation, Mallappa allegedly picked up a sickle lying nearby and threatened to kill himself.

In response, Mallikarjun reportedly remarked, "If you die, my sister's life will be better." Deeply disturbed by this statement, Mallappa immediately slit his own throat, resulting in severe bleeding and his death on the spot.

Following the incident, Mallikarjun fled the scene. Marihal Police arrived promptly, conducted an initial investigation, and registered a case against Mallikarjun for abetment to suicide. Acting quickly in this case, the police arrested accused Mallikarjun. His body was then sent for autopsy and then handed over to the family for final rights.

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AGAINST BIOMETRICS

Members of Karnataka Rajya Anganwadi Karyakartheyaru Mathu Sahayakiyara Federation protest opposing the Facial Recognition System, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Former ED officer gets 3-yr jail for ₹5 lakh bribe

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THE Special Court for CBI Cases has sentenced a former Enforcement Officer of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lalit Bazad, to three years of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh. Bazad was found guilty of extorting a bribe of Rs 5 lakh in exchange for defreezing the bank account of a finance firm under ED investigation for links to Chinese loan apps.

"While awarding the sentence, this court should bear in mind the expectations of society to prevent corruption in public office by providing prompt conviction and stern sentence," observed Judge Manjunath Sangreshi, Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases.

At the time of sentencing, Bazad was serving as an inspector in GST and Central Excise, Chennai Zone. The CBI had filed a charge sheet against him under Section 384 of the IPC and Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

According to the CBI, on January 20 and 28, 2021, Mikhil Innani, Managing Director and CEO of M/s Apollo Finvest India Ltd., along with Diksha and Harish Innani, visited the ED office in Bengaluru. During this time, Bazad allegedly demanded Rs 50 lakh from Mikhil to close the case against Apollo Finvest. He also threatened to drag the case for at least 10 years and ruin the company's name and business if the amount was not paid. Eventually, Bazad managed to extort Rs 5 lakh, which was delivered by Manavendra Bhati on the night of February 9, 2021, at a pub in J.P. Nagar. The transaction was captured on CCTV.

EX ON THE RUN

Dubai-based bizman abducted, four arrested

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A Dubai-based businessman was kidnapped in the city on July 16 by his ex-girlfriend and her associates for a ransom of Rs 2.5 crore.

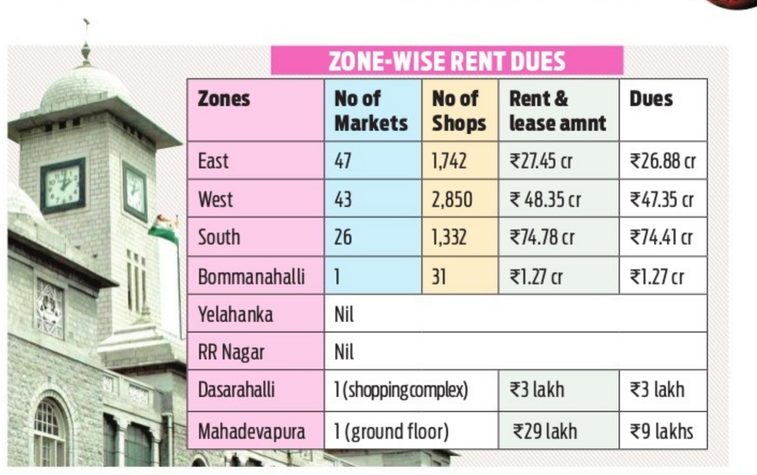
The businessman, who was held captive for seven days, managed to alert the residents of the neighbouring flat about his kidnapping.

Based on a complaint, Ashok Nagar police, who swung into action, rescued him and arrested four of the accused. The businessman's ex-girlfriend and three others involved in the crime are absconding.

The arrested have been identified as Salman Pasha, 22, of DJ Halli, Mohammed Nawaz, 27, from KG Halli, and Mohammed Asif, 42, and Mohammed Suhel, 25, of RT Nagar.

According to police, Lawrence Melvani, 37, who recently returned to Bengaluru from Dubai, lived in a lodge in Indiranagar. On July 16, his ex-girlfriend Mahima contacted him and requested to meet her. She booked a cab for him. After picking him from Indiranagar, the driver stopped the car near Koramangala, where three men barged in, blindfolded him and took him to a serviced apartment. The accused forced him to part with Rs 1 lakh in cash and two iPhones. They then assaulted him demanding Rs 2.5 crore. On July 23, Melvani managed to alert the family living in the neighbouring flat from the washroom of the serviced apartment about his kidnapping.

Meanwhile, Melvani's family members alerted the police after they could not contact him for several days. Before the police could reach the serviced apartment, the accused bundled Melvani into a car and headed towards Tumakuru Road. After seeing a police team chasing them, the accused pushed Melvani out of the car and fled. The team intercepted the car after a few hours of chase and arrested the four accused. A senior police officer said Melvani's ex-girlfriend was behind the abduction plot. A search is on to nab her and other accused.



ZONE-WISE RENT DUES

Zones	No of Markets	No of Shops	Rent & lease amnt	Dues
East	47	1,742	₹27.45 cr	₹26.88 cr
West	43	2,850	₹ 48.35 cr	₹47.35 cr
South	26	1,332	₹74.78 cr	₹74.41 cr
Bommanahalli	1	31	₹1.27 cr	₹1.27 cr
Yelahanka	Nil			
RR Nagar	Nil			
Dasarahalli	1 (shopping complex)		₹3 lakh	₹3 lakh
Mahadevapura	1 (ground floor)		₹29 lakh	₹9 lakhs

₹150 CR IN RENTALS AND LEASE PENDING FROM BBMP MARKETS

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) revenue department continues to struggle when it comes to revenue generation from BBMP markets. Over the last 10 years BBMP still has to get Rs 150 crore as rental and lease amount.

As part of its decentralization efforts BBMP zonal authorities will be empowered to send notices, look after daily operations and collection of rental and lease dues.

According to a senior official from the BBMP Market Wing, there are 5,956 shops in the BBMP markets and are supposed to get Rs 152.17 crores; however, so far, the municipal body has managed only Rs 2.14 crore up to June 2025.

"In 2015, rentals were revised as Rs 33 per sqft for Upper Basement, Rs 32 for Ground Floor and Rs 31 for 1st and Second Floor. The total outstanding payments from all shops in 118 markets are Rs 150.03 crore pending from the last 10 years," said a BBMP official.

GN Diwakar, President, City Market Flower Vendors' Association, said that from 2002, over 60 per cent of old rentals of Rs 9 per sqft for Upper Basement shops, Rs 8 for first and Rs 7 for second floors have been cleared by over 1,200 shops in KR Market alone. However, the matter of revised rentals proposed during the administrator's regime in 2015 was challenged in court, and the court tossed the ball in the BBMP's court.

"We are ready to pay the double amount of Rs 16, Rs 18, and Rs 14 per sqft, provided the BBMP provides drinking water, razes 22 illegal shops built on the passage meant for ventilation, fire exit route, installs generator sets, builds clean toilets and ensures the lifts are operational," said Diwakar.

A senior official from the revenue department said that the markets have also been decentralised, and all eight zones' officials under the Zonal Commissioner and Joint Commissioner will have to look after the daily operations.

"The zonal officials will have to send notices and ensure the pending dues are collected. The administration and rental collection is now the zonal authorities' responsibility. The idea of decentralisation was due to a staff crunch in the BBMP markets wing. This will help in streamlining market administration," said a senior revenue official.

APD's inclusive mission empowers over 26,000

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UNLIKE the one-time, piecemeal interventions like a single therapy camp, a wheelchair donation, or a disconnected pension scheme, extended to Persons with Disabilities (PwD), which provide only provide timely relief, The Association of People With Disability (APD) is focusing on 'Life Cycle Approach', under which tailored services to various age groups among PwDs are delivered guiding them along a developmental path aligned with specific timelines to achieve better outcomes.

In the three-year project that started in 2022, in Yadgir and Raichur, Dr NS Senthil Kumar, Chief Executive Officer at APD, said that till now over 26,933 people have benefited. The beneficiaries received rehabilitation services, assistive devices, educational support, and livelihood opportunities, awareness and training, as well as indirect beneficiaries such as family members, carers, and community stakeholders, have been trained, sensitised, and empowered as part of the ecosystem.

"Main aim is to transform Yadgir and Raichur into a truly inclusive and supportive environment for PwD. Through a life-cycle approach, this mission seeks to empower individuals with access to comprehensive rehabilitation, their rightful entitlements, and opportunities to live with dignity and equality. At the heart of the program is a community-based rehabilitation model, which brings services directly to the people. This is complemented by a transdisciplinary approach and community-based rehab workers—bringing together expertise from various fields to address the full spectrum of needs," Dr Senthil said.

"Our strategy is broad and inclusive. It goes beyond physical care, encompassing social inclusion, education, and economic empowerment. The model is built on community ownership 'for the people, by the people'. Mothers and peer trainers are trained to take on therapeutic roles, helping build capacity within families and neighbourhoods", the doctor explained.

He added that they leverage local strengths, using schools as inclusive spaces and empowering government frontline workers and community structures like self-help groups and federations, to act as facilitators of change, ensuring that responsibility and accountability are shared.

"Creating a truly inclusive society requires more than isolated efforts, it demands a strong, interconnected ecosystem. In Yadgir and Raichur districts, we are building just that: a robust, community-driven support system that places persons with disabilities at the centre, while mobilising every layer of society to support them," said Dr Senthil.

APD has plans to expand this programme to Kalaburagi, Dharwad, and Bangalore rural district and Kolhapur district of Maharashtra.

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Lashing out at Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy for terming Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water project "non-feasible", Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said the project is one of the vital water schemes being implemented to quench the drinking water needs of 47 parched taluks in the state. "Kumaraswamy's statement is politically motivated," the CM said

GOVT DILUTES MISINFORMATION BILL, DROPS 'FAKE NEWS'

New draft doesn't mention quantum of penalty, drops prohibition of anti-feminism, disrespect to Sanatan symbols

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress-led state government seems to have diluted the controversial draft of Karnataka Misinformation Regulation Bill, 2025 by dropping "fake news" from its title. It was earlier called the Karnataka Misinformation and Fake News (Prohibition) Bill.

The new draft is likely to be discussed in the next cabinet meeting and tabled during the legislature session starting on August 11.

The cabinet had first proposed the bill on June 19 to stop misinformation and fake news. As per the earlier draft, if social media content creators were found guilty of posting fake news, they faced an imprisonment of up to seven years and fine of up to Rs 10 lakh or both.

The new draft, however, does not mention the quantum of penalty, while also dropping the prohibition of anti-feminism and disrespect to Sanatan symbols.

It explains that to "communicate" means dissemination of information to ten or more persons in person, through publication, communication device, computer resource, television, making or altering bots that disseminate misinformation or any other communication medium with a wide reach. The old draft had said one or more persons. As per the new draft, no person outside or inside Karnataka shall abet misinformation to persons in Karnataka that disrupts public tranquility or the conduct of free and fair elections or incites others to commit an offence.

"Misinformation" means knowingly or recklessly making a false or inaccurate statement in the context in which it appears, excluding opinions, religious or philosophical sermons, satire, comedy or parody or any other form of artistic expression.

Any person guilty of propagating misinformation shall be punished with imprisonment not less than three months that may extend to five years and shall also be liable to fine. While, any person who abets misinformation shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to fine. The bill states that the government shall set up infrastructure to curb the spread of misinformation. It shall set up special courts comprising sessions judges for the speedy trial of offences with concurrence of the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023) all offences shall be triable only by the Special Court.

A person accused of or suspected of the commission of an offence is forwarded to a magistrate under sub-section (2) and (6) of section 187 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023), such magistrate may authorise the detention of such a person in custody as he thinks fit for a period not exceeding 15 days and seven days where it is an executive magistrate.

The offence to be cognisable and non-bailable notwithstanding anything contained in the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023). No accused shall be released on bail unless the special public prosecutor is given an opportunity to oppose the application for such release.

Cong should substantiate its charges on electoral process manipulation

IN an apparent bid to bolster its campaign against the Election Commission of India (ECI) over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, the Congress has now dragged the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka into debate, raising questions over the credibility of the election process. However, the Congress' claims of manipulation of electoral processes in the state hardly sound cogent. They also raise many questions about the party's stand and strategy.

After its decisive victory in the 2023 assembly elections in which it won 136 seats in the 224-member assembly, the Congress went into the Lok Sabha polls with confidence of repeating the feat. The party, however, failed to reach a double-digit mark and had to be satisfied with just nine out of 28 seats. The BJP won 17, and its alliance partner JD(S) won two seats. For Congress, this was still a better result compared to its worst-ever performance of winning only one Lok Sabha seat in the 2019 elections.

Immediately after the results were announced on June 4 in 2024, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress president DK Shivakumar acknowledged that the party had not performed as well as they had expected. They were hoping to win around 15 seats in the state as the party was in power and the government had implemented guarantee schemes.

Now, over a year after the LS polls, the Congress' sudden claim of electoral manipulation has left many, including some within their own party, baffled. The CM and DyCM echoed their party leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations against the ECI. "I fully support Rahul Gandhi's statement that there is clear and undeniable evidence of electoral malpractice in Karnataka. In several constituencies across the state, our party workers reported sudden and suspicious additions of new voters, while names of long-time voters were removed without justification," Siddaramaiah stated. Shivakumar also claimed that many irregularities have taken place, and that he has started his "own investigation" in the Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency.

The Bengaluru Rural LS constituency was the only seat Congress had won in 2019, but lost in 2024. BJP's Dr CN Manjunath defeated Congress's DK Suresh – DK Shivakumar's brother – by a margin of over 2.69 lakh votes. The BJP's strategy of fielding former PM HD Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr Manjunath, as its candidate, had clicked as both the BJP and JD(S) worked together to ensure his victory.

The inevitability of the CM and DyCM backing Rahul Gandhi's allegations is understandable, especially given the current political developments within the party. However, Congress leaders have to come out with what they claim to be "clear and undeniable evidence of electoral malpractice in Karnataka."

The CM also claimed that the Congress party's setback in the LS polls was due to the manipulation of the electoral process by the BJP through its misuse of the Election Commission. If that was indeed the case, the party leaders should explain what the manipulation was, how and in which constituencies it impacted the election outcome. It also needs to tell people why they did not raise it immediately after the polls and seek remedial measures from the appropriate authorities.

While a lot depends on the kind of evidence the Congress comes up with – if at all it does – to back its allegations, the Election Commission has maintained that due process was followed during the LS elections in Karnataka. Those who are privy to the processes say that there are enough checks and balances to prevent any such manipulation, and all political parties are also involved in the process of making any changes, including additions and deletions, while electoral rolls are given to the parties as well as published on the website before the polls.

Just as the ECI has a reason to claim that due process was followed, as a political party, Congress may have its justifications to express concerns and call for a more transparent system. But now that the party, including the CM, have made serious allegations over the credibility of the process with regard to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in the state, the onus is on them to substantiate the charges. Although the CM stated that they are holding discussions with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi to decide the course of action, it is not clear how the party will take it forward, if at all it does.

Yathindra draws flak for comparing father Siddu to Nalwadi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CONGRESS MLC **Yathindra Siddaramaiah** has come under sharp criticism for claiming that the State Government, led by his father Siddaramaiah, has contributed more to the development of Mysuru than erstwhile Maharaja of Mysuru Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

Hitting out at Yathindra, Mysuru-Kodagu MP and scion of the Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that it is not good to compare, as the Maharajas have done their work and it is before the people. "Let them tell the people what their contribution is, but it is not fair to compare them with the erstwhile Maharajas to divert from actual issues," the MP said, adding that the State Government should come out with a white paper on the development works carried out in Mysuru district rather than inviting the opposition leaders for a debate.

Yaduveer said that the government has no right to conduct a fresh caste census after dumping the earlier report. "The government wants to do politics in the guise of a caste census when the Centre itself has announced that a similar enumeration will be conducted in the general census," he said.

Meanwhile, BJP MLC AH Vishwanath also hit out at Yathindra for likening Siddaramaiah to Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and called it the "height of arrogance." He also slammed Siddaramaiah for claiming that he is a better CM than D Devaraj Urs. Vishwanath said that Yathindra is a budding politician and should stop making such statements and must know that Siddaramaiah's administration is nowhere near Devaraj Urs' and SM Krishna's governance. No politician in the country can be compared with Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, he added.

Yathindra should apologise, says LoP in Assembly Ashoka

LoP in Assembly R Ashoka said that Congress MLC Yathindra Siddaramaiah should apologise for comparing his father Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has insulted the Maharaja's family and must apologise immediately, Ashoka said.

BJP leaders, including state party chief BY Vijayendra and LoP in Assembly R Ashoka, at a party meeting on Saturday | EXPRESS

BJP slams govt for fertiliser, seed 'shortage', plans protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA BJP president BY Vijayendra said on Saturday that the State Government's failure to ensure proper supply of fertilisers and seeds has led to artificial scarcity and black-marketing. Farmers are protesting against the shortage in Kalaburagi, Gadag, Koppal, Davanagere, and other places, and farmers are buying seeds by paying double the price, the BJP leader said.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru after holding a meeting with BJP MLAs from Bengaluru, Vijayendra said that they will launch a state-wide protest in this regard.

The State Government and the Agriculture Minister failed to handle the situation, and to cover up their mistake, they blaming the Union Government, though it supplied 8,73,00 metric tonnes as against the demand for 63,100 metric tonnes, he said. "The Agriculture Minister has stated that there is no shortage and they have adequate stocks, and it must ensure that farmers do not face any problems," he said.

Tunnel road

Vijayendra and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka slammed the State Government's decision to split the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) into five corporations and the government's decision to go ahead with the tunnel road project in the state capital without a proper study.

The government has called the tenders in a hurry by involving blacklisted companies, and people are asking if it is being done for the development of the city or for any other consideration, he said.

Ashoka also said the government is awarding tunnel road projects to blacklisted contractors. The toll on the tunnel roads will make them accessible only to the wealthy, offering no benefit to the common man, he said. The BJP leader said the Congress is dividing Bengaluru for electoral gains and the BJP will fight against it. The division will lead to disparities among the five civic bodies, he said, and added that the BJP will take the matter to court and also protest against it.

Centre's nod for three new CGHS wellness centres in K'taka

PRAKASH SAMAGA
@Udupi

THE Union Government has approved the establishment of 22 new Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) wellness centres across India, with three allocated to Karnataka—in Mangaluru, Udupi, and Shivamogga. This was confirmed by Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav, in response to an unstarred question raised by Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Kota Srinivas Poojary in the Parliament on Friday.

Jadhav said that city selection criteria for new CGHS centres include a minimum of 2,500 principal CGHS cardholders or 6,000 beneficiaries. Poojary lso sought details regarding the number of existing CGHS wellness centres in Karnataka, along with information on sanctioned and vacant posts for doctors and paramedical staff. In response, the minister said 15 CGHS wellness centres, including four AYUSH centres, are currently operational in Karnataka, along with one CGHS polyclinic in Bengaluru. On staffing issues, the minister explained that filling vacant posts is an ongoing process, with requisitions sent to the UPSC for doctors and the SSC for paramedical staff.

Recommendations from these commissions are used to fill the vacancies. In the interim, retired government specialist doctors are appointed on a contractual basis to mitigate shortages.

HORATTI SLAMS USE OF TEACHERS FOR CASTE CENSUS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

KARNATAKA Legislative Council Chairman **Basavaraj Horatti** has strongly opposed deploying teachers to conduct the upcoming caste census in the state. He has suggested to the State Government to use 10% of the staff from all departments to avoid disturbing the functioning of the Education Department.

In a strongly worded letter to the State Government, Horatti expressed deep anguish over the declining quality of school education, blaming systemic flaws and the overburdening of teachers with non-academic duties as the key reasons. He opposed the government's move to deploy school teachers, especially those from primary and high schools, for the upcoming caste census, warning that such practices will harm students' academic foundation.

Referring to a study conducted in Yadgir district under the Education Department's foundational literacy and numeracy initiative, Horatti said it was shocking to discover that many SSLC students still lacked basic skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic. He stressed that the failure to build foundational literacy in primary school is a serious indictment of the current system and demanded accountability.

"When SSLC students do not know Kannada or English alphabet and cannot even perform basic addition or subtraction, we must ask, who is responsible?" Horatti said, adding that teachers are unable to focus on teaching due to being repeatedly pulled into non-teaching roles such as surveys, census work, and election duties. "Teachers are made to handle caste surveys, flood assessments, child enumeration, polling officer duties and more. With all this, when can they actually teach?" he asked.

Calling it a violation of the spirit of Article 21 A of the Constitution, which guarantees free and compulsory education to all children aged 6 to 14, Horatti urged the government to relieve teachers of non-academic duties immediately.

When SSLC students do not know Kannada or English alphabet and cannot even perform basic addition or subtraction, we must ask, who is responsible? – Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being felicitated at a programme in Arasikere in Hassan district on Saturday | PIC: X

Angry Siddu returns to his chair after crowd demands minister's post to MLA

BR UDAYA KUMAR @ Arasikere: CM Siddaramaiah lost his cool and returned to his chair while addressing a rally at Arasikere on Saturday. Siddaramaiah, who inaugurated development projects of over Rs 500 crore, was upset that supporters of local MLA KM Shivalingegowda kept raising slogans during his speech, demanding that the legislator be made a minister. When an angry Siddaramaiah sat back in his chair, Shivalingegowda and district incharge minister KN Rajanna rushed to pacify him and criticised the crowd. The CM later completed his speech. He told the crowd that giving a cabinet berth to Shivalingegowda is not in his hands, but the high command has to take the decision. It is not right to discuss such matters publicly, he added. He, however, said Shivalingegowda, a four-time MLA, has a bright political future and has all the qualities to become a minister. He urged people to maintain the same kind of support and to elect Shivalingegowda in the next elections too.

City's Kalasipalya bus terminal gets a new name

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) renamed its Kalasipalya Bus Terminal after renowned philanthropist Sri Doddanna Shettar as "Janopakari Sri Doddanna Shettara Kalasipalya Bus Station", following approval in BMTC's board meeting and a subsequent government order, in recognition of his contributions. The new nameplate of the bus station was unveiled by Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy here on Saturday. Through his trust, Shettar had provided education to all regardless of caste or social status. He set up schools and colleges, dedicating himself to social service. In recognition of his contributions to society, he was honored with the title "Janopakari".

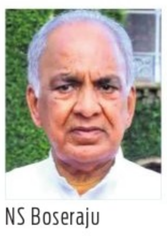
'India's 1st quantum computer operational in B'luru'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Minister for Science and Technology NS Boseraju said India's first quantum computer is already operational in Bengaluru, and Karnataka is leading the country in quantum innovation. The minister was responding to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's tweet stating that Andhra Pradesh is set to deploy India's first indigenously built 8-qubit quantum computer this November in Amaravati.

"While celebrating our progress, we must also cultivate a culture of considering facts and figures," the minister stated in a sharp response to Naidu's claims.

Boseraju said that Karnataka, particularly Bengaluru, has already made significant progress as the hub of India's quantum sector. A prime example is the 25-qubit quantum computer "Indus", indigenously developed by QpiAI and operational in Bengaluru,



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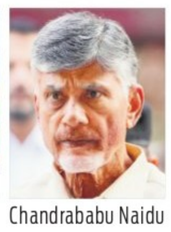

Chandrababu Naidu

he stated. He highlighted that India's first Quantum Research Park has been established at the prestigious Indian Institute of Science (IISc). The state cabinet has approved Rs 48 crore for the development of its second phase. Several initiatives are underway to ensure the holistic growth of the quantum sector in Karnataka.

A Quantum Summit is being organised in Bengaluru on July 31 and August 1. A roadmap to transform Karnataka into a global quantum powerhouse is being prepared, which will be unveiled on July 31 by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, read a statement from the minister's office.

Odisha gears up now to undertake SIR of voter rolls

It will be conducted after a gap of 2 decades

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT
@ Bhubaneswar

AMID the row over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar, the Odisha government is gearing up to undertake the exercise soon. The statewide SIR will be conducted after a gap of more than two decades. It will involve a thorough, house-to-house verification of voters and rationalisation of polling stations to ensure accurate and inclusive electoral database.

The last SIR in the state was carried out in 2002. Since then, the electoral rolls have undergone annual summary revisions, which do not involve door-to-door verification. The upcoming SIR could be a crucial effort to ensure that no eligible voter is left out, and no ineligible person remains on the rolls, officials said. As per the mandate of ECI, people whose names were not recorded in the 2002 electoral roll will have to submit documents prescribed by the Commission to establish their eligibility for voter enrolment.

In preparation for the exercise, chief secretary Manoj Ahuja has instructed all departments and district collectors to ensure that no post designated as district election officer (DEO), electoral registration officer (ERO), or assistant electoral registration officer (AERO) is vacant during the revision period. He has also made it clear that no transfers of officers holding these posts would be made without the prior approval of the Election Commission.

Ahuja has directed that all required posts must be duly filled and the training of officials completed before the field operations begin. "Deputy collectors handling election work will also not be transferred without prior consent from the chief electoral officer (CEO), Odisha. Collectors are directed to mobilise whatever human resources or logistics are required to help the EROs complete the work smoothly," read the chief secretary's letter accessed by *TNIE*.

The ECI has directed this special revision in all states, including Odisha, following the exercise in Bihar. The SIR process includes house-to-house visits, verification of voter eligibility, rationalisation of polling stations and strengthening of the voter list to eliminate inaccuracies. Given the scale of the exercise, the state government has been directed by the ECI to extend full support in terms of manpower and logistics.

We gave 3 times more funds to TN than UPA: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Thoothukudi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, dedicated to the nation, and laid foundation stones for various projects worth Rs 4,900 crore at an event held in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, on Saturday. "The Union Government has given Rs 3 lakh crore for Tamil Nadu's development which is three times more than the funds given to the state under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government. The new projects underscored the NDA government's commitment towards Tamil Nadu's growth," the PM said.

The projects inaugurated included a new terminal building built at a cost of Rs 450 crore and a cargo handling facility at V O Chidambaranar Port. Railway projects launched by the PM included electrification of the 90-km Madurai-Bodinayakkanur line commissioned at a cost of Rs 99 crore, and the Rs 650 crore worth doubling of the 21-km Nagercoil-Kanniyakumari section.

The PM dedicated to the nation multiple rail and road projects worth over Rs 3,600 crore, including two strategically-significant highway projects — four-laning of 50 km Sethiyathope-Cholapuram stretch of NH-36 developed at a cost Rs 2,350 crore, and six-laning of 5.16 km NH-138 Tuticorin Port Road built at a cost of Rs 200 crore.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurates the newly expanded Thoothukudi Airport| V KARTHIKALAGU

The PM also laid the foundation stone for the Inter-State Transmission System for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant for electricity transmission. The focus on connectivity and clean energy in the past 11 years has shown that infrastructure and power sectors are the backbone for development in any state, the PM said.

Recalling Subramania Bharathi's strong connection with Thoothukudi, the PM said the great Tamil poet has strong links with his parliamentary constituency of Kashi too. I'm trying to develop cultural and traditional links with Tamil Nadu through the Kasi Tamil Sangam, he said.

He also said the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed between India and the United Kingdom will make India the third largest economy.

Heavy rain leaves Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus station marooned in Kochi on Saturday. IMD issued 'red' alert for Ernakulam, Idukki, Thrissur | TP SOORAJ

3 DEAD, 1 MISSING AS RAIN BATTERS KERALA

Kochi: Heavy rain and strong winds wreaked havoc across Kerala on Saturday, leaving three people dead, one missing, and widespread damage reported from multiple districts. IMD upgraded its rain alert to 'red' for Ernakulam, Idukki, and Thrissur districts, signalling extremely heavy rainfall. An 'orange alert' remains in place for nine districts, while a 'yellow alert' is in effect for the remaining three. Air traffic was also hit, with Kochi airport diverting three flights due to low visibility. Authorities have urged extreme caution across affected districts as rain is expected to continue. In Kannur, two people died in separate rain-related incidents. An elderly man, 78-year-old Eniyadan Chandran, died after a tree fell on his house after a severe storm hit Kolayad. A native of Kanyakumari, died after a fibre boat capsized at the Chootad estuary in Madayi. In Ernakulam, 19 houses were partially damaged over two days. Over 172 houses have sustained partial damage. **ENS**

After man washed away, mom ends life in Kalasa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

A man, who was driving a van, lost control over his vehicle and fell into the Bhadra near Kalasa on Thursday night. The victim, Sumanth, 22, is yet to be traced. Upset by this, Sumanth's mother Ravikala, 45, committed suicide by jumping into a lake near her house at Kolamage in Kalasa taluk the same night.

The wall of a school building collapsed at Uluvebail in Addagadde gram panchayat limits in Sringeri taluk. However, no casualty has been reported. A huge tree fell on NH 174 near Shiragunda in Chikkamagaluru taluk, disrupting traffic for more than two hours.

Paddy saplings have been washed away in many taluks of the district. They were ready for transplantation.

Heavy rain accompanied by gusty wind continued to pound Chikkamagaluru on Saturday, disrupting life across the district.

Kudremukh, Mullayanagiri, Kalasa, Sringeri, NR Pura, Mudigere and Koppa received heavy rain on Friday and Saturday, forcing people to remain indoors. On Saturday, Chikkamagaluru taluk received 22.6 mm rain, followed by Kadur 4.6 mm, Koppa 69.4 mm, Mudigere 53.2 mm, NR Pura 42.2 mm, Sringeri 80.6 mm, Tarikere 21.2 mm, Ajjampura 11.5 mm and Kalasa 57.9 mm.Tunga, Bhadra, Hemavathi and other rivers are in spate. The Tunga was flowing above the danger level near Sringeri. Traffic was disrupted in Sringeri as the main road was submerged. A deer was washed away in the swirling waters of Bhadra near Balehonnur.

Meanwhile, rain continued to batter Shivamogga on Saturday and this has paralysed the normal life in the entire district. Following the continuous heavy showers, the schools and colleges remained closed in Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, Shikaripura, Hosanagar, Tirthahalli and Sorab taluks in the district.

IN KERALA

Bhagwat bats for education rooted in Bharatiya values

ENS @ Kochi

INDIA'S current education system continues to bear the imprint of colonial influence and must be reoriented through alternatives rooted in Bharatiya knowledge traditions, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat said here on Saturday.

Addressing a gathering of RSS volunteers (karyakartas) at the ongoing Rashtriya Shiksha Chintan Baithak at Adi Shankara Nilayam, Veliyanad, near Piravom, Bhagwat underlined the need for a deep, realistic understanding of education from the Indian perspective. "Our background is shaped by colonial systems. We must develop our own competence, lead by example, and forge bonds of mutual understanding to bring others along," he said.

Stressing the importance of regular training and internal coordination, he noted that the growth of any organisation is dependent on patience, cooperation and a spirit of belonging. "Coordination — from the self to the world — is key to all of this," he added.

Dr Atul Kothari, national secretary of the Nyas, said that the objective is to build a connected ecosystem — teachers, students, institutions, and now, parents. He reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to promoting education in the mother tongue, and the need to change public perception around English-medium superiority.

EXPRESS READ

TELANGANA HOUSING BOARD OFFICIAL DIES JOSTLING WITH HIRED MUSCLE

HYDERABAD: An official with the Telangana Housing Board died during a confrontation with the management of a function hall in Mehdipatnam on Saturday morning over unpaid lease dues. The deceased, R Jagadishwar Rao (52), was serving as Assistant Estate Officer. He had accompanied a team of officials to MP Function Hall in Mehdipatnam, armed with a court order authorising the board to take possession of the property. According to officials, the function hall's management had failed to pay lease arrears amounting to over ₹1.22 crore in more than eight years.The Housing Board team arrived early in the day and began sealing the premises. One gate was locked without incident. However, as they moved to seal the second entrance, they were obstructed by some bouncers and private security personnel deployed by the function hall authority. The situation soon spiralled into chaos as the bouncers jostled with the Housing Board team. Amid the pushing, shoving and heated arguments, Jagadishwar Rao collapsed on the spot. **ENS**

School teacher detained for molesting 8 students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kendrapara (Odisha)

A Science teacher of a government high school under Talachua marine police limits in Kendrapara, Odisha,has been detained on Saturday for allegedly molesting eight girl students.

Talachua IIC Bimal Kumar Mallick said the incident came to light after the victims revealed the incident to the headmaster of the school on Saturday, following which he alerted the police.

The teacher was detained by the police. However, no FIR has been lodged in connection with the case so far.

"We are in touch with parents of the victim girls and they have consented to file a complaint in this connection soon," a police officer said.

Male teacher suspended for harassing female collegue

A teacher of a government high school in Gajapati's Mohana block in Odisha was suspended following allegations of sexual harassment by a fellow teacher on Friday.

The 42-year-old teacher, who taught Hindi, was accused of sexually harassing a 29-year-old female teacher of the same school since the past few months.

She reported the matter to district education officer Mayadhar Sahu and other officials. She also accused the Hindi teacher of molesting her withon the school premises.

Following her complaint, the DEO formed a team to conduct an inquiry. Based on the findings, the Hindi teacher was suspended.

The DEO stated that the matter has been referred to higher authorities, and further steps will be taken as per their directions. No police complaint has been lodged so far.Meanwhile, the victim claimed that she lodged a complaint against the accused earlier, but no action was taken.

However, the DEO denied the claims, stating that the Hindi teacher was immediately placed under suspension after the complaint.

Thieves made away with ₹1.13L cash

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"THE accused duo, suspected to be in their mid-twenties, are seen carrying a rod that was used to break the locks and enter. Once inside, they have searched for the cash counter and taken money from all the five shops. They have taken a mobile phone from one store. They have not touched any other items. We suspect that the two have observed the closing and opening hours of all the stores. We are tracking their movement from CCTVs from the vicinity. Together, they have made away with Rs 1.13 lakh cash," a police officer said.

A case of theft (BNS 305) and breaking in by night to commit an offence (BNS 331(4)) has been registered in all the five FIRs. **ENS**

'Swiggy politics' endangering democracy, says Revanth

ENS @ Hyderabad

STATING that ideology-based politics was disappearing from the country's political landscape, chief minister **A Revanth Reddy** on Saturday expressed concern that they were gradually being replaced by what he described as "Swiggy politics."

"The number of leaders committed to ideology is declining in our politics. This is a danger to democracy. The country is moving towards instability, with political managers taking centrestage and democratic values weakening," he said. The chief minister was speaking at an event jointly organised by ICFAI and the Capital Foundation Society in Hyderabad, where he presented the Jaipal Reddy Democracy Award to economist Mohan Guruswamy. Addressing the gathering, Revanth stressed the need for ideological student politics in universities and said efforts must be made to curb the role of money in politics.

FARMERS' PROTEST

Officials bulldoze crop on lakebed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

THE Karnataka Minor Irrigation Department has cleared maize and tomato crops cultivated on the dried lakebed of Honnur near Narasipur in Davangere, citing illegal encroachment of government land.

Despite prior warnings and awareness drives, officials said farmers continued to grow crops on the encroached area. Farmers, however, claimed they were not adequately informed and alleged the action was sudden, resulting in losses of up to Rs 50,000 for some. Around 25 acres of crops were reportedly destroyed.The officials clarified that based on a government order they had cleared area. Assistant Executive Engineer of the Minor Irrigation Dept Praveen, said, "We had earlier issued notices to the farmers here and created awareness, but they still encroached the land and started growing crops, without paying any heed to the notices issued by us. We will clear whoever encroaches on the government land."

Farmer Neelamma said, "They told us to grow crops, but today, they came and destroyed all the crops. They took this action without our knowledge. We have spent around Rs 50,000 on seeds and fertilisers, but everything is wasted. The officials told us to grow crops this year and eat them and now they have done this. It cannot be pardoned." Another farmerette said, "If they had informed us earlier, we would not have spent money and planted the crops."

Farmer Nagaraj said, "The officials came suddenly and destroyed around 25 acres of land without telling us. If they had given us one-and-a-half months, it would have been enough; we would have by then harvested the crops."

CMR UNIVERSITY OPENS ACADEMIC YR WITH ORIENTATION FOR OVER 1,100 STUDENTS

Bengaluru: CMR University hosted the inaugural and orientation programme for its new undergraduate and postgraduate students from the School of Economics and Commerce, School of Legal Studies, School of Management, and the School of Science & Computer Studies, on Thursday. Over 1,100 students, accompanied by their parents, attended the programme. Justice BA Patil, former judge, Karnataka High Court, was the chief guest. KC Ramamurthy, Chairman, CMR Group of Institutions, Dr HB Raghavendra, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Praveen R, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Dhanamjaya M, Registrar, deans and directors of various schools and others were present. **ENS**

SHIELD FOR FLOWER

Mullayanagiri as conservation reserve will protect Neelakurinji species

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka forest department is pressing the revenue department to give its concurrence to declare and protect revenue lands in Mullayanagiri, Chikkamagaluru, as a conservation reserve. This will protect the area where Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes sessilis) flowers bloom in large numbers.

"When the proposal was first conceptualised, the area identified in Mullayanagiri where the Neelakurinji blooms was 16,000 acres in 2020. When the proposal was reconsidered and cleared at the last State Wildlife Board meeting, the area had been reduced to 9,000 acres," sources in the department said.

The species that blooms in Mullayangiri is different from what is found in the Nilgiri mountains, Strobilanthes kunthiana. Experts from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) said around 32 Neelakurinji species have been discovered so far.

"The shrubs are difficult to identify unless they bloom, which happens once in 12 years. It is also interesting as the species which was ideally found in higher altitudes is now found in the foothills and other forest patches," said Dr Saheed S Hameed, senior scientist, head of office, BSI, Southern Regional Centre.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, PC Rai said the proposal was sent to the revenue department two months ago, after the State Wildlife Board's standing committee approved the idea to declare the region as a conservation reserve. Principal Secretary, Revenue department, Rajendra Kataria said a ground report from the district administration has been sought, and a resurvey is being done. Many of the identified areas are inam lands, sold, developed or are private lands.

Sources said a survey is under way to identify developed forest lands, to exchange for revenue land proposed as a conservation reserve. The forest department is also pinning its hopes on the National Green Tribunal, Chennai, that has taken up a suo motu hearing on protecting the Neelakurinji species and declaring them protected by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). "If all the Neelakurinji species are declared IUCN, then not just Nilgiris, but all parts of Western Ghats will also be protected," forest officials said.

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Letter No: 514 **Corrigendum/Addendum-2** Date: 26/07/2025

The reply to the queries of the bidders and addendum-2 for e-NIT No.: 01/UJVNL/DGM(Civil-AT&TP)/2025-26 invited by this office has been uploaded on e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in.** For any clarification and submission of queries kindly email us on **dgmcivilattp@gmail.com.** The terms & conditions of bid document will remain same.
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(CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION)
ERNAKULAM JUNCTION

1. TENDER NOTICE No. 07-CE-CN-ERS-2025-OT, DATED: 25.07.2025

Name of Work: **Reconstruction of road over bridges.** Tender Value : ₹ **2118.99 Lakhs;** Bid Security : ₹ **12,09,500/-** ; Completion Period : **18 Months**

2. TENDER NOTICE No. 08-CE-CN-ERS-2025-OT, DATED: 25.07.2025

Name of Work: **Supply of machine crushed track ballast;** Tender Value : ₹ **807.03 Lakhs;** Bid Security : ₹ **5,53,500/-** ; Completion Period : **24 Months**

Date and time of tender closing: **18.08.2025, 15.00 Hrs**

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398	Catenary Wire 241.935 Sq.mm.	12 KM	18-Aug-25
399	Internal Combustion Engine Crank Case Oil Grade SAE 15W 40	129096 Ltr	25-Aug-25
400	Gold Plated Silver Medal	3578 Nos	08-Sep-25
401	Set of suspension spring	13 Set	15-Sep-25
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2	Name of work	**Modification work for Conversion of Compressor 1750 LPM in Locos at Diesel Loco Shed Erode**
3	Estimate Value	**₹ 62,66,667.00/-**
4	Tender Closing Date and Time	**18.08.2025 and 15:00 hrs**
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E-Auction Notification of Corner, Intermediate, Premium Sites in prominent locations Developed by Mysore Development Authority
No.MDA/E-AN/01/2025-26/ Date:25.07.2025

1) E-Auction Commencement Date: 31.07.2025 after 6.00 PM Indian Standard Time 2) Last date for expressing interest to participate in the e-auction for serial numbers 1 to 50 : 12.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM Indian Standard Time And the date of commencement of direct bidding for e-auction is 16.08.2025 at 11.00 AM Indian Standard Time and the date of Closing direct bidding is 18.08.2025 upto 4:00 PM Indian Standard Time (Delta Time 5:00 minutes) 3) Last date for expressing interest to participate in the e-auction for serial numbers 51 to 100 : 12.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM Indian Standard Time And the date of commencement of direct bidding for e-auction is 19.08.2025 at 11.00 AM Indian Standard Time and the date of Closing direct bidding is 20.08.2025 upto 4:00 PM Indian Standard Time (Delta Time 5:00 minutes) 4) Last date for expressing interest to participate in the e-auction for serial numbers 101 to 150 : 12.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM Indian Standard Time And the date of commencement of direct bidding for e-auction is 21.08.2025 at 11.00 AM Indian Standard Time and the date of Closing direct bidding is 22.08.2025 upto 4:00 PM Indian Standard Time (Delta Time 5:00 minutes). 5) Last date for expressing interest to participate in the e-auction for serial numbers 151 to 200 : 12.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM Indian Standard Time And the date of commencement of direct bidding for e-auction is 25.08.2025 at 11.00 AM Indian Standard Time and the date of Closing direct bidding is 26.08.2025 upto 4:00 PM Indian Standard Time (Delta Time 5:00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Layout Name	Site No.	Inter./ Corner	Road Facing/ In Mtr.	Measurement (In mtrs)		Area in Sq mtrs	Value of Sq. mtrs	Site Value (Rs. In Lakhs)
					N-S	E-W			
Corner and Intermediate sites									
1	Nanjangud basavanagudi block	H.I.G-19	Intermediate	South 9.00	18.00	10.00	180.00	36503.00	65.71
2	Nanjangud basavanagudi block	H.I.G-20/21	Intermediate	North 12.00	18.00	16.50	297.00	36503.00	108.41
3	Nanjangud basavanagudi block	M.I.G.-41	Intermediate	South 12.00	(14.60+16.00)/2	9.00	137.70	36503.00	50.26
4	Nanjangud basavanagudi block	M.I.G.-42	Intermediate	South 12.00	(12.60+14.60)/2	9.00	122.40	36503.00	44.68
5	Nanjangud basavanagudi block	M.I.G.-44	Intermediate	South 12.00	(12.50+13.50)/2	9.00	117.00	36503.00	42.71
6	Nanjangud basavanagudi block	M.I.G.-54	Intermediate	North 12.00	22.00	8.00	176.00	36503.00	64.25
7	Nachanahalli-Kuppaluru 3rd Stage	'D' Block 99	Corner	West 9.00	13.00	18.00	234.00	79256.00	185.46
8	J.P.Nagara 1st Stage 'F' Block	72	Corner	E-N 9.00	24.00	(18.00+19.00)/2	444.00	79256.00	351.90
9	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2516	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	45776.00	61.80
10	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2519	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	45776.00	61.80
11	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2522	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	45776.00	61.80
12	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2525	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	45776.00	61.80
13	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2530	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
14	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2536	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
15	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2538	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
16	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2539	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
17	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2541	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
18	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2543	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
19	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2546	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
20	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2548	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
21	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2550	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
22	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2551	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
23	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2553	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
24	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2560	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
25	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2563	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
26	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2564	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
27	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2566	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45776.00	49.44
28	Dattagalli 3rd Stage	E.W.S 144/A	Corner	W-N 18.00	10.00	6.00	60..00	64986.00	38.99
29	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	109/4	Corner	W-N 9.00	12.00	(4.10+7.45)/2	69.30	86009.00	59.60
30	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	8066	Corner	W-S 9-12	(6.50+13.50)/2	9.00	90.00	86009.00	77.41
31	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9631	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
32	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9632	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275	64.02
33	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9633	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
34	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9634	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
35	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9635	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
36	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9636	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
37	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9637	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
38	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9638	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
39	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9639	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
40	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9640	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
41	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9641	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
42	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9642	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
43	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9643	Intermediate	South 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
44	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9646	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
45	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9647	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
46	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9648	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
47	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9651	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
48	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9652	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
49	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9653	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
50	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9656	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
51	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9657	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
52	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9659	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
53	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9660	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
54	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9661	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
55	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9662	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
56	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9598	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
57	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9599	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
58	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9600	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
59	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9601	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
60	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9602	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
61	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9603	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
62	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9604	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
63	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	9609	Intermediate	North 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	59275.00	64.02
64	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	10298	Corner	W-N 24-18	24.00	(17.40+14.60)/2	384.00	86009.00	330.27
65	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	12056	Corner	W-N 24-9	23.20	(16.60+13.20)/2	345.68	86009.00	297.32
66	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	12256	Intermediate	West - 9.00	18.00	27.00	486.00	59275.00	288.08
67	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	12258	Intermediate	West 9.00	18.00	27.00	486.00	59275.00	288.08
68	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	38	Corner	W-S 9.00	12.00	(10.75+10.45)/2	127.20	99318.00	126.33
69	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	125	Intermediate	South 12.00	17.50	12.00	210.00	97371.00	204.48
70	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	126	Intermediate	South 12.00	17.50	12.00	210.00	97371.00	204.48
71	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	127	Intermediate	South 12.00	17.50	12.00	210.00	97371.00	204.48
72	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	130	Intermediate	North 9.00	11.50	9.00	103.50	97371.00	100.78
73	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	131	Intermediate	North 9.00	11.50	9.00	103.50	97371.00	100.78
74	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	132	Intermediate	North 9.00	11.50	9.00	103.50	97371.00	100.78
75	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	133	Intermediate	North 9.00	11.50	9.00	103.50	97371.00	100.78
76	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	134	Intermediate	North 9.00	11.50	9.00	103.50	97371.00	100.78
77	Vijayanagara 3rd Stage 'G' Block	135	Intermediate	North 9.00	11.50	9.00	103.50	97371.00	100.78
78	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	2503	Corner	E-N 12-6	8.80	(17.60+20.00)/2	165.44	99318.00	164.31
79	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	2522	Corner	E-S 12-6	9.00	(6.80+10.30)/2	76.95	99318.00	76.43
80	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	2542	Corner	E-S 12-6	8.70	(8.50+11.80)/2	88.31	99318.00	87.71
81	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	2675	Corner	E-S 12.00	12.00	(8.40+14.20)/2	135.60	99318.00	134.68
82	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	2716/I	Corner	E-S 12.00	18.00	(9.50+15.50)/2	225.00	99318.00	223.47
83	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	3877	Corner	N-W 18-9	(2.00+6.00)/2	18.00	72.00	99318.00	71.51
84	Hebbal 1st Stage	1190/I	Intermediate	South 9.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	73539.00	158.84
85	Hebbal 1st Stage	1190/H	Intermediate	South 9.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	73539.00	158.84
86	Hebbal 3rd Stage	1269	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	81292.00	87.80
87	Hebbal 3rd Stage	1275	Intermediate	West 9.00	8.85	12.00	106.20	81292.00	86.33
88	Hebbal 3rd Stage	1277	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	11.30	101.70	81292.00	82.67
89	Hebbal 3rd Stage	1279	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	11.00	99.00	81292.00	80.48
90	Hebbal 3rd Stage	1292	Corner	East 9.00	17.30	12.00	207.60	82918.00	172.14
91	Hebbal 3rd Stage	1293	Corner	S-W 9-9	11.00	11.60	127.60	82918.00	105.80
92	Hebbal 3rd Stage	2880	Corner	W-S 9-9	6.00	7.50	45.00	82918.00	37.31
93	Hebbal 3rd Stage	2903	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	81292.00	87.80
94	Hebbal 3rd Stage	2904	Intermediate	West 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	81292.00	87.80
95	Hebbal 3rd Stage	2914	Corner	N-W 9-9	8.00	12.00	96.00	82918.00	79.60
96	Hebbal 3rd Stage	2915	Intermediate	East 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	81292.00	87.80
97	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/2	Intermediate	North 9.00	13.50	6.00	81.00	73539.00	59.57
98	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/5	Intermediate	North 9.00	13.50	6.00	81.00	73539.00	59.57
99	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/6	Corner	N-E 9.00	13.50	5.80	78.30	74725.00	58.51
100	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/7	Corner	N-W 9.00	12.80	6.30	80.64	74725.00	60.26
101	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/12	Corner	N-E 9-18	(5.00+9.00)/2	4.2	29.40	74725.00	21.97
102	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/18	Corner	S-W 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	74725.00	40.35
103	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/19	Corner	S-E 9.00	8.90	6.00	53.40	74725.00	39.90
104	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/20	Intermediate	South 9.00	8.90	6.00	53.40	73539.00	39.27
105	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/21	Intermediate	South 9.00	8.90	6.00	53.40	73539.00	39.27
106	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/22	Intermediate	South 9.00	8.90	6.00	53.40	73539.00	39.27
107	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/23	Intermediate	South 9.00	8.90	6.00	53.40	73539.00	39.27
108	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/24	Corner	S-W 9.00	8.90	5.80	51.62	74725.00	38.57
109	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/25	Corner	N-W 9.00	8.80	6.00	52.80	74725.00	39.45
110	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/26	Intermediate	North 9.00	8.80	6.00	52.80	73539.00	38.83
111	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/28	Intermediate	North 9.00	8.80	6.00	52.80	73539.00	38.83
112	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/29	Intermediate	North 9.00	8.80	6.00	52.80	73539.00	38.83
113	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/30	Corner	N-E 9.00	8.80	6.00	52.80	74725.00	39.45
114	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/33	Intermediate	North 9.00	8.80	6.00	52.80	73539.00	38.83
115	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/36	Corner	N-E 9 -18	8.70	5.50	47.85	74725.00	35.76
116	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/42	Corner	W-S 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	74725.00	40.35
117	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/43	Corner	E-S 9.00	9.00	5.40	48.60	74725.00	36.32
118	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/45	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	73539.00	39.71
119	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/46	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	73539.00	39.71
120	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/47	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	73539.00	39.71
121	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/48	Corner	S-W 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	74725.00	40.35
122	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/49	Corner	N-W 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	74725.00	40.35
123	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/51	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	73539.00	39.71
124	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/54	Corner	N-E 9.00	9.00	5.80	52.20	74725.00	39.01
125	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/67	Corner	E-S 18.00	8.70	6.00	52.20	74725.00	39.01
126	Hebbal 1st Stage	H1/72	Corner	S-W 18.00	8.70	5.50	47.85	74725.00	35.76
127	Hebbal 2nd Stage	1123	Corner	W-N 9.00	(3.60+5.90)/2	9.00	42.75	64489.00	27.57
128	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3526/A	Intermediate	East 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
129	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3526/B	Intermediate	East 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
130	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3526/C	Intermediate	East 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Signal & Telecommunication Workshop), Podanur

E-TENDER NOTICE No. SGW-S-203-565045-DG Dated: 24.07.2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore – 641023, invites E-Tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.

1. **Name of work:** Overhauling of 500 KVA DG set - 01 No at S&T / Workshop, Southern Railway, Podanur, Coimbatore.
2. Approximate cost of the work : ₹ **6,96,918.62/-** Including GST @ 18%
3. Earnest Money to be Deposited : ₹ **13,900/-**
4. Tender Document Cost : ₹ **2,240/-** Including GST @ 12%
5. Completion period of work : **90 days**
6. Date and time of closing of tender : **15.00 Hrs of 18.08.2025**
7. Website particulars : **www.ireps.gov.in**

For further details, visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023.

Chief Workshop Manager / S&T Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641 023

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Hennur Road Branch, No 316 7th Main,HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyannagar Bangalore – 560043

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1), (For immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of Union Bank of India, Hennur Road Branch,No 316 7th Main,HRBR Layout,1st Block, Kalyannagar Bangalore – 560043 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002)and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **24-03-2025** calling upon the borrower Mr. **Yogendra Viswakarma** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **being Rs. 16,01,068.79** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs One Thousand Sixty-Eight and Seventy-Nine Paisa only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read withrule 8 of the said rules on this **22th day of July 2025 .**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India, Hennur Main Road Branch for an amount **Rs. 16,01,068.79** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs One Thousand Sixty-Eight and Seventy-NinePaisa only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property:

All that part of the property Bearing Flat No. 201, Second Floor,Vishwam Enclave Appartment, Byrasandra Village, K R Puram, Hobli, Bangalore-560203, Bounded By: East By: Site No. 1537, West By: Road, North By: Site No. 1591, South By: Site No. 1593.

Date: 22.07.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Electrical (General), Construction, Chennai Egmore

Tender Notice No. E-148-CN-TPJ-TF-049, Dated: 23.07.2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / General / Construction / Southern Railway / Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites E-Tender for the following Work.

Name of the Work: Creation of Maintenance facilities for Conv/3-ph MEMU Rakes at Tiruchchirappalli (Phase-I) : Removal / Modification of TNEB 11KV Over Head Power Line Crossings by Underground Cables (11KV HTUG) and Provision of Lighting arrangements at Circulating area of MEMU SHED - Works Contract (TF-049)

	Tender Notice No. and Date	E-148-CN-TPJ-TF-049, Dated: 23.07.2025
1	Period of Completion	**4 Months**
2	Approximate Cost of Work	₹ **2,42,45,517.84**
3	Cost of Tender form	**Nil**
4	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ **2,71,200.00/-**
5	Tender Closing Date & Time	**15.08.2025 at 11.00 AM.**
6	Tender Opening Date & Time	**16.08.2025 at 11.30 AM.**

Complete details can be seen on **www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / General / Construction / Egmore, Chennai - 600 008

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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E-AUCTION DATE: 18.08.2025

Borrower(s): (1) Mr. T Ganesh S/o Mr. V Tyagarajan, **(2) Mrs. G Dhanalakshmi, Both are residing at:** #3, Muniyallappa Garden, 7th Cross, Kadirappa Road, Doddigunta Cox Town, Bangalore-560005.

Total liabilities : Rs.5,23,535.36 (Rupees Five Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five Rupees and Thirty Six Paise Only) as on **23.07.2025** and interest and other charges thereon from **24.07.2025.**

Reserve Price: Rs.10,66,000/-. EMD: Rs. 1,06,600/-. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **16.08.2025 up to 4.00 PM.**

Description of the immovable/ movable assets: All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing Flat No- B-13/301,3rd Floor, 1st Phase, Alur Village, Huskur Main Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North-562161 having Super Built up area of 470 Sq ft and Carpet area of 423 Sq mtrs, bounded on: East by: Staircase, West: Flat No.302, North: Flat No.304, South by: Open to Sky.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail id **roblrwrec@canarabank.com, cb10424@canarabank.com (Mob No 7411509379/ 9063837573/ 9449860031** may be contacted during office hours on any working day. The service provider BAANKNET **https://baanknet.com/** (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) (Contact No 7046612345/6354910172/ 8291220220/9892219848/ 8160205051, E-mail: **support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com./ support.ebkray@procure247.com)**

Date : 26.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED RAILWAY OFFICERS AND STAFF

Notifications for the re-engagement of retired officers and staff in various Divisions, Workshops, and Headquarters are issued

Interested retired Railway employees are advised to visit the respective Websites of above Units for detailed information and submitting application.

Dy Chief Personnel Officer / IR & W for Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)

REGIONAL OFFICE WEST
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

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E-AUCTION DATE: 18.08.2025

Borrower, Co- Borrower and Mortgagor: (1) Mr Prakash (Borrower) S/o Mr Dasegowda, No 38 66, 4th Cross, Jai Maruthi Nagara, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560 096. **(1)B Mr Prakash (Borrower)** S/o Mr Dasegowda, No.113, 5th Block, KSCB Quarters, Near Water Tank, Lakshmidevi Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560 096. **(2) Mrs Anitha (Joint Borrower)** W/o Mr Prakash, No.38 , 4th Cross, Jai Maruthi Nagara, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560 096.

Total Amount: Rs.11,46,503.07 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Fourty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Three Seven Paise Only) as on **23-07-2025** and interest and other charges thereon from **24-07-2025.**

Reserve Price: Rs. 8,20,000/- EMD: Rs 82,000/-

Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **16.08.2025 - 4.00 p.m.**

Details of Property/ies : Schedule "A": All that piece and parcel of immovable property in the limits of BDA, Alur Village formed in Sy No- 113 having 2 Blocks bearing Block 27 and 28 covering 64 residential Houses measuring East to West: 59.20 meters and North to South: 17.50mts in total measuring 1036.00 Sq meters bounded on : East: Road, West : BDA Property/Road, North: Passage, South : Road.

Schedule "B": 33.526 Sq mtrs Super built up area of Schedule "A" Property with ownership title, rights is given to Owner of Residential house.

Schedule "C": The Schedule of the Property bearing Flat No- B-28/006 of Block 28 formed in Ground Floor , Phase 1, "Alur BDA Flats" with super built up area of 33.526 Sqmtrs in the Sy no-113, of Alur Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk in the name of Mr Prakash and bounded on: East: Road, West: Alur , B28/005, North: Passage, South: Alur, B28/007. With Passage, Staircase, Lift measuring 33.526 Sq mtrs super built up area with civic amenities.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail idroblrwrec@canarabank.com,cb0417@canarabank.com (MobNo.9060837573/ 7411509379 & 9483520417/) may be contacted during office hours onany working day. The service provider BAANKNET https://baanknet.com (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) (Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172/ 8291220220/9892219848/ 8160205051, Email:support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com./ support.ebkray@procure247.com).

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E-AUCTION DATE: 18.08.2025

Borrower(s): (1) M/s Myrismed Hygiene Products, No.31/2, 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. **(2) Mrs Anuradha (Proprietor)** W/o Mr A Harikrishna, **(3) Mr Hari Krishna A (Guarantor/Mortgagor)** S/o Mr Late Vidyaranya, **Both are residing at:** No.31/2, 6th Main, Between 9th and 11th cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru- 560003.

Total liabilities **Rs 48,13,470.24/-(Rupees Forty Eight lakhs Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Rupees and Twenty Four paise only)** as on **23-07-2025** and interest and other charges thereon from **24-07-2025.**

Reserve Price: Rs 32,06,000/- Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 3,20,600/- Lakhs. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **16.08.2025 up to 4.00 PM.**

Description of the immovable/ movable assets: SCHEDULE A: All that piece and parcel of Residentially converted property measuring in all 9 acres 19 guntas i.e 4,12,952 Square feet land, bearing Khata No 399/155/8 formed out of Sy No 155/8 measuring 5 acres 1 guntas, land bearing Khata No 398/276/1 (formed out of erstwhile Sy No 276/1) measuring 3 acres 23 guntas and land bearing khata No 400/275, (formed out of erstwhile Sy No 275) measuring 35 guntas, situated at Hulimangala Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and composite property and property standing in the name of Mr. A Harikrishna and is bounded on the: East by : Remaining portion of land in Sy No 275 and 276, West by: Sy No 155/7 of Hulimangala Village, North by: Sy No 155/9 and remaining portion of Sy No 276/1 and 275 of Hulimangala Village, South by: Road and Remaining portion of Sy No 276/1 and 275 of Hulimangala Village.

SCHEDULE B: All that piece and parcel of the 1 BHK Residential Apartment No. S131201 on the 12th floor, in the S-13 Tower, in the Apartment Building known as "SMONDOVILLE" constructed on the Schedule A property having super built up area measuring 635 square feet (58.99 Square Meters) constructed on the Schedule A property, along with one open car parking space bearing No S13-OP-29.

SCHEDULE C: An undivided 0.0608% share in the property equivalent to 251.23 Square feet (23.34 Square Meters) of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mailid roblrwrec@canarabank.com,cb2638@canarabank.com (MobNo. 9060837573/7411509379& 9616954725), OR the service provider BAANKNET https://baanknet.com/ (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bangalore (Contact No. 8291220220) E-mail: Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

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Sl. No.	Layout Name	Site No.	Inter./ Corner	Road Facing/ In Mtr.	Measurement (In mtrs) N-S	Measurement (In mtrs) E-W	Area in Sq mtrs	Value of Sq. mtrs	Site Value (Rs. In Lakhs)
131	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3526/D	Intermediate	East 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
132	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3526/E	Intermediate	East 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
133	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3774	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
134	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3775	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
135	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3776	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
136	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3777	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	70400.00	38.02
137	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	2131	Corner	North 18.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	70400.00	152.06
138	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	2157	Corner	North 18.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	70400.00	152.06
139	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	2819	Corner	E - 18-9	15.00	24.00	360.00	70400.00	253.44
140	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	2897	Corner	North 18.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	70400.00	152.06
141	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	2918	Corner	North 24.00	24.00	15.00	360.00	70400.00	253.44
142	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	2941	Intermediate	West 9.00	12.00	18.00	216.00	45420.00	98.11
143	Kesare 3rd Stage	789	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
144	Kesare 3rd Stage	790	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
145	Kesare 3rd Stage	791	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
146	Kesare 3rd Stage	792	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
147	Kesare 3rd Stage	793	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
148	Kesare 3rd Stage	795	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
149	Kesare 3rd Stage	796	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
150	Kesare 3rd Stage	800	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
151	Kesare 3rd Stage	804	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
152	Kesare 3rd Stage	805	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
153	Kesare 3rd Stage	806	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
154	Kesare 3rd Stage	807	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
155	Kesare 3rd Stage	808	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
156	Kesare 3rd Stage	809	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
157	Kesare 3rd Stage	811	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
158	Kesare 3rd Stage	816	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
159	Kesare 3rd Stage	817	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
160	Kesare 3rd Stage	818	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
161	Kesare 3rd Stage	819	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
162	Kesare 3rd Stage	821	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
163	Kesare 3rd Stage	822	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
164	Kesare 3rd Stage	823	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
165	Kesare 3rd Stage	824	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
166	Kesare 3rd Stage	826	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
167	Kesare 3rd Stage	1243	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
168	Kesare 3rd Stage	1257	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
169	Kesare 3rd Stage	1288	Intermediate	North 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
170	Kesare 3rd Stage	1289	Intermediate	North 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
171	Kesare 3rd Stage	1333	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
172	Kesare 3rd Stage	1344	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
173	Kesare 3rd Stage	1354	Intermediate	South 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
174	Kesare 3rd Stage	1360	Intermediate	West 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
175	Kesare 3rd Stage	1361	Intermediate	West 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
176	Kesare 3rd Stage	1365	Intermediate	South 9.00	6.00	9.00	54.00	33173.00	17.91
177	Dattagalli 'K'Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	6/A	Corner	N-E 9.00	(0.00+13.50)/2	15.40	103.95	64853.00	67.41
178	Dattagalli 'I'Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	21/B	Corner	S-W 9.00	18.00	(14.50+15.30)/2	268.20	64853.00	173.94
179	Dattagalli 'H'Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	36/B	Corner	S-W 18.00	(7.00+18.50)/2	19.30	246.07	64853.00	159.58
180	Dattagalli 'H'Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	106/C	Corner	S-W 18.00	(13.00+18.50)/2	18.00	283.50	64853.00	183.86
181	Dattagalli 'H'Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	175/D	Corner	S-E 18.00	(7.50+12.40)/2	18.00	179.10	64853.00	116.15
182	Dattagalli 'H'Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	176/D	Corner	S-W 18.00	(11.80+18.00)/2	18.00	268.20	64853.00	173.94
183	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	28	Corner	E-S 9-11.50	12.00	(8.50+19.50)/2	168.00	64986.00	109.18
184	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	56/A	Corner	W-S 9-9	9.00	(6.00+11.30)/2	77.85	64986.00	50.59
185	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	79/A	Corner	E-S 9-9	9.00	(4.40+12.50)/2	76.05	64986.00	49.42
186	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	80/A	Corner	W-N 9-9	9.90	(4.20+12.50)/2	82.66	64986.00	53.72
187	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	121/A	Corner	E-S 9-9	9.00	(8.00+16.50)/2	110.25	64986.00	71.65
188	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	213	Corner	E-S 9-11.50	(5.30+20.00)/2	18.00	227.70	64986.00	147.97
189	Dattagalli 3rd Stage 2nd Phase	214	Corner	E-S 9-11.50	(11.50+20.00)/2	9.50	149.62	64986.00	97.23
190	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	129	Corner	W-N 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	49616.00	26.79
191	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	137	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	48643.00	26.27
192	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	142	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	48643.00	26.27
193	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	143	Intermediate	North 9.00	9.00	6.00	54.00	48643.00	26.27
194	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	666	Intermediate	South 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	48643.00	52.53
195	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	668	Intermediate	South 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	48643.00	52.53
196	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone	671	Intermediate	South 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	48643.00	52.53
197	Satagalli 1st Stage	1151	Intermediate	North 9.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	39844.00	86.06
198	Satagalli 1st Stage	1152	Intermediate	North 9.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	39844.00	86.06
199	Satagalli 1st Stage	1153	Intermediate	North 9.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	39844.00	86.06
200	Satagalli 1st Stage	1618	Intermediate	West 9.00	15.00	24.00	360.00	39844.00	143.44
			Total						**14205.35**

Terms and Conditions of e-auction

1) The Participants of the auction should be a citizen of India. Partnership firm/Limited companies/Trusts registered in Inida may also participate in the e-auction. **2)** E-auction participants need more information they can download the simplified e-auction user guide by logging on to http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov. in available on Citizen Division Home Page. For additional information visit kppp Portal or Contact 080 - 46010000 and 080-68948777 **3)** The Participants should download the Specimen Signature format (Write the Name & Father Name in Kannada & English) and Contact Details format from http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. upload the filled formats. **4)** Those who want to buy the e-auction sites jointly, should also upload the documents jointly in e-auction portal. **5)** Sites will be auctioned on 'as is where is' condition. There is no provision for change of site. **6)** There should be minimum of 2 bidders for the e-auciton Sites. Single bidder will be rejected. **7)** The 5 minutes of delta time shall be extended to the last moment bids of e-auction. For example: If the e-auction Bidding close Time is 16.00 hours, In case any bid submitted in 15.57 hours, the closure time will be extended to another 5 Minutes i.e. 16.02 hours. **8)** EMD payable to participate in e-auction Rs.4.00 Lakhs for sites having the base price Rs.1.00 Crore and Above. Rs.2.00 Lakh for the sites having the base price less than Rs.1.00 Crore and e-Auction processing fees also to be deposited through Debit card/ Credit Card/Net Banking to ICICI bank by e-procurement protal. **9)** The minimum Bid change price is Rs. 10,000/- for the sites which is having base price below Rs. 1.00 Crore and Rs.1,00,000/- for the sites which is having base price Rs. 1.00 Crore and above. **10)** The highest bidder should check the site approval status in http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. and shall remit 25% of bid amount from the bidder account only through **RTGS/NEFT (Excluding EMD of Rs. 4,00,000/- or Rs. 2,00,000/-)** before **72 hours** to Account Holder Name: Commissioner MDA Mysore, Bank of Baroda, Account No.89260100004660 (IFSC Code No. BARB0VJMUDA) (Fifth Digit will be Zero). Bidder should submit the 25% amount payment receipt and 2 Passport size photos to Office. If the successful bidder failing to pay the 25% of the bid amount their EMD amount will be forfeited. **11)** Myosre Development Authority has the right to withdraw any auctioned sites at any time. **12)** The auction of said sites will be held according to 1991 Karnataka Development Authorities Act (Disposal of corner and commercial sites) Rule 6(2) the Commissioner Mysore Development Authority, Mysore reserves the right to accept or reject the bid without assigning any reason and prior notice. **13)** The EMD Amount of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to their Bank Account by eproc.karnataka.gov.in of Karnataka after bidding is finalized. **14)** If any difference is found in the Dimension of the sites during the final transfer to the bidder, if the Dimension is less, for less Dimension amount will be refunded. If the Dimension is more, Bidder should has to pay the additional amount for the increased area. If the bidder does not agree, then 25% of the bid amount will be forfeited and the auction will be cancelled. **15)** Bidder should pay the remaining 75% of bid amount from their own Bank account and should submit the receipt copy with Sale Deed request to Office.**16)** The Successful bidder shall pay the balance 75% amount after receiving the Auction Confirmation Letter in 45 days without interest. If who need time extension to pay the 75% amount 18% of interest will be applicable for 90 days and 21% of interest applicable for futher 30 days with the prior permission of the commissioner. **17.** As per Column 194IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961, In case where the total value of the property auctioned exceeds Rs. 50.00 lakhs, the auction purchaser should be deduct an amount of 1 percent of the total value of the property and liable to pay the same to the Income Tax Department. **18)** In case the longitude and latitude given in the auction announcement is not identified due to manual error, the bidder may confirm the same with the relevant engineers. No refund will be allowed If you request a refund of the amount paid stating that the longitude and latitude are different.

19) CONTACT FOR LOCATION DETAILS: A) Zonal office -1 - 1). Nanjanagudu Basavanagudi Block, Nachanahalli-Kuppaluru 3rd Stage, J.P.Nagara Layout. Srirampura 2nd Stage & 3rd Stage Layout - Sri Kantharaja chari, JE., Mobile No. 8660240351. **B)** Zonal office 3 - Vijayanagara 3rd Stage & Vijayanagara 4th Stage Layout - Sri K.P. Sathishchandra AE., Mobile No. 9480446452. **C)** Zonal office -4 - Hebbal 1,2 and 3rd stage, Vijayanagar 2nd stage Layout - Smt. Pavithra R. AE., Mobile No.8197542740 **D)** Zonal office -5B - Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase - Sri K.P. Sathishchandra AE., Mobile No.9480446452. **E)** Zonal office 7 - Dattagalli 2nd stage all blocks (Ramakrishnanagar) - Smt. Pavithra R. AE., Mobile No. 8197542740 **F)** Zonal office 8 - Sathagalli 1st and 2nd stage, Hanchya- Sathagalli 'B' Zone Layout - Sri. Rajasherkar G. JE., Mobile No.9880929640 **20)** For information regarding Auction may obtain from website: www.mudamysore.gov.in or contact Ph No. 0821-2421629

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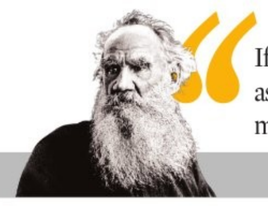
Sd/- Commissioner



"If it is true that there are as many minds as there are heads, then there are as many kinds of love as there are hearts"

Leo Tolstoy

FARMERS: HISTORY OF COP-OUTS, PROMISE OF A CO-OP POLICY

IN 1946, Tribhuvandas Patel, a Gandhian close to Sardar Patel and Morarji Desai, went by foot from one village to another to create a cooperative of farmers chanting the mantra of collective action and collective good. After months of campaigning, Patel collected a critical number to set up the Kaira District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union. Verghese Kurien leveraged the model to establish the efficacy of cooperative action. But Kurien struggled for two decades to set up a national grid to usher in the milk revolution. India depended on imports in the 1950s. And in 2025, India's Amul is competing in the global markets and its cheese is competing with Swiss brands.

The idea of cooperatives is not new and owes its origins in modern times to Welsh philanthropist Robert Owen. In India, cooperatives were visible in community ownership of resources known, for instance, as the Devarai and Vanarai movements. The formal structures came with the passage of the Cooperative Societies Act in 1904. Over the decades, cooperatives have suffered political piety and economic decimation. The history of India's cooperative movement is pock-marked with cop-outs.

In 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru said everything else can wait but not agriculture. He declared cooperatives as a template for development. The success of Amul established the idea of cooperatives as a viable format, illustrated in Maharashtra where cooperatives steered change. Yet, vested political interests successfully rendered agriculture into a case of political charity and, verily, the killing fields.

THE THIRD EYE

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This week, the government unveiled a 'new cooperation policy'. Dubbed a re-birth of cooperatives, it is ambitious in its intent. The plan is to set up cooperative units in every village across the rural landscape of 6-lakh-plus villages. The mission: create an enabling legal, economic, and institutional framework to deepen the cooperative movement and facilitate cooperatives with systems and technology to emerge as economic entities for creating value.

The new policy has arrived at the intersection of political and economic realities. Over 46 percent of India's workforce is engaged in agriculture and allied activities, and is dependent on one-sixth of the national income. In 2025, Maharashtra has already witnessed 767 farmer suicides. Agriculture, India's largest private sector, continues to be under whimsical policies and licence raj three decades after the 1991 liberalisation.

It is not that there are no programmes. There is an array of schemes ranging from PM Kisan and Krishi Sinchayee Yojana to the National Bamboo Mission—in all, there are 28 active programmes for agriculture. The government spends over ₹1.77 lakh crore in fertiliser subsidies; farmer producer organisations have been connected to digital platforms such as ONDC, e-NAM and GeM. Yet, the average monthly household income of farmers is at ₹10,218 only and per capita net value added for rural homes is half the urban average. The political consequence is manifest in the expansion of freebies and clamour among the landholding classes for quotas.

The principal issue is the concentration of workforce over small land holdings—the average holding of the Indian farmer is just 0.74 hectares, rendering it too small to be viable without the scaffolding of policy enabling collective action to harvest value. The worry about the new policy, to paraphrase Milton Friedman's view on India's planning process, is that it has too many objectives that could challenge efficient execution.

The creation of cooperative units is necessary, but not sufficient to propel change. The circumstance calls for focused reforms. This column has argued consistently that cohabitation of small landholdings and low incomes called for cooperatives to achieve scale and enable linkages. Globally, farmers are adopting technology to adapt to climate changes—for instance, using AI in precision farming and geospatial data to read conditions.

The good news is that there are a range of existing policies that can be dovetailed to suit the conditions. Agriculture accounts for over 80 percent of water usage. This is not sustainable. India needs to redraw its crop map. In 2020, the RBI created a window for extending credit for solar pumps. Data on its use and traction is sketchy. The new policy speaks about solar and wind power—farmers could be shepherded to offer idle or uncultivable land to cooperatives on lease for solar farms.

The persistence of food price inflation and pernicious distress in farming is caused by poor post-harvest systems resulting in low value realisation. A study by RBI shows farmers' share in the consumer's rupee to be about 33 percent for tomatoes, 36 percent for onions and 37 percent for potatoes. Another RBI study shows farmers' share in consumer paid price is at around 31 percent for bananas, 35 percent for grapes and 43 percent for mangoes.The one district, one product idea can be retrofitted to create a national grid for perishables. Farmer cooperatives should be positioned to enter into contracts with procurers for better returns.

Beyond the sequencing, there is a need for demonstration effect. This needs a champion like C Subramaniam was during the first Green Revolution. The government could rope in startups, invite collaborations for technology and create model cooperatives in each district, and bus farmers to learn the process and impact. Above all, there is a need for greater Centre-state collaboration. The political and economic rationale for a real green revolution is indisputable and merits urgent action.

VP'S EXIT FUELS BJP'S IDEOLOGICAL CHURN

POWER & POLITICS

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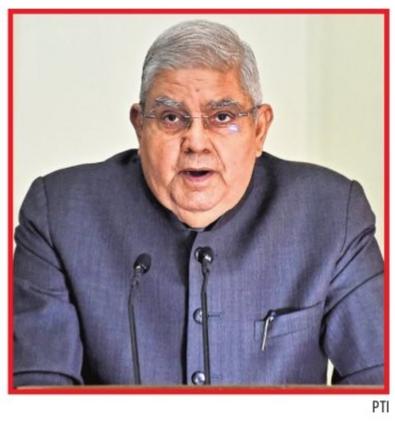
A return to history is painful for leaders used to making it. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar created history, but of a parliamentary kind dubious enough to earn him a membership of the government's echo chamber. Hence, his premature resignation was a thunderclap cleaving India's political skyline, creating a convulsion so fierce it shattered the BJP's carefully curated narrative.

Cloaked in the polite fiction of "health concerns", Dhankhar's exit was anything but pharmacological. Once a formidable Jat strongman and one of Hindutva's most zealous standard-bearers, he rose from Rajasthan's feuding political plains to the gilded halls of Lutyens' Delhi, brandishing his saffron credentials like a badge of honour. But somewhere between adulation and ambition, Dhankhar overstepped.

He undeservedly became the Vice President and shrank the chair he occupied. His tirades against the judiciary as "anti-national saboteurs", and his rhetorical crucifixion of dissenters, once cheered by the Sangh parivar's digital armies, began to chafe the very edifice that had elevated him. Behind closed doors, the party grew wary of his uncontrollable candour. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally broke his silence with a terse, curiously impersonal post on X that was more an epitaph than encomium, a flood of orchestrated condemnation burst forth. Sangh loyalists, ever attuned to the PM's silences, took their cue. Knives, once sheathed, swiftly came out.

However, Dhankhar's ignominious accidental exit has ignited the debate over BJP's unwritten diktat that leaders must retire from active roles after age 75. Now, insiders believe that the rule has been selectively invoked to purge a few and promote many more with hardly any ideologically compatibility. Consequently, tried and tested Sangh veterans were denied an opportunity to serve either the party or the government.

This rule, first invoked with quiet firmness during the Modi-Shah consolidation of power in 2014, has since become a symbolic generational threshold that signals discipline and renewal. In a political culture long plagued by dynastic entrenchment and gerontocracy, the 75-year cut-off is a structural mechanism for leadership churn. Veterans like L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi were gracefully sidelined in favour of a new, more aggressive leadership template. In Dhankhar's ouster, the party has an opportunity to reaffirm this ethos.



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But the rule also serves a deeper ideological function. In an age where the opposition increasingly resembles a museum of political fossils clinging to relevance, BJP's enforcement of internal retirement is a subtle but potent contrast. As the BJP navigates the choppy waters of coalition politics post-2024, with regional partners like the TDP and JD(U) demanding a more moderate stance, the reassertion of internal rules offers clarity and cohesion. The 75-rule may be informal, but its consequences are concrete. It is both a scalpel and a compass that trims dead wood while steering the party towards rejuvenation.

In this light, the Veep's departure is a harbinger of systemic recalibration. Sagacious observers prognosticate a sweeping overhaul, from the party apparatus to governmental echelons. BJP's 2024 electoral chastening, securing a mere 240 Lok Sabha seats, exposed vulnerabilities. Its reliance on NDA partners underscores a diluted hegemony. The RSS, emboldened by Mohan Bhagwat's trenchant critique of BJP's hubris, demands ideological rectitude.

Dhankhar's fall epitomises the perils of elevating figures untethered from RSS moorings. The Sangh's cadre recoiled at the precedent set by another Jat leader, Satya Pal Malik, whose apostasy discomfited the party. The RSS clamours for leaders steeped in its ethos, not mercurial opportunists. Dhankhar's resignation galvanises this clarion call, exposing a chasm between the government's centralised ethos and the cadre's grassroots fervour.

Senior Sangh leaders feel appointments should done purely on merit and commitment. Along with a few others, hardcore swayam-sewak Rajnath Singh has emerged as one of the plausible VP candidates. If that's the case, his ascension would necessitate a cabinet reshuffle, dislodging ministers entrenched for over five years. Many have faltered in actualising Modi's ambitious reforms, from economic revitalisation to 'one nation, one election'. A reinvigorated cabinet could infuse dynamism, aligning governance with Modi's vision.

Concurrently, BJP's organisational stasis demands redress. J P Nadda's protracted tenure as president, extended beyond January 2024, has stymied renewal. A cabinet reshuffle could precipitate a new party president, ushering in a cadre of office-bearers unencumbered by inertia. The party's second echelon, bereft of the charisma of yesteryears' titans like Pramod Mahajan or Arun Jaitley, languishes in mediocrity. Defectors, ascendant in several states, dilute ideological fidelity.

The age conundrum looms ominously, too. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's July 2025 exhortation that leaders retire at 75 reverberated through the Sangh parivar. Bhagwat, who will be 75 this September 11, and Modi, following on September 17, defy this precept. Their unparalleled efficacy renders them indispensable. But the cadre is uncomfortable with the inexplicable inconsistency in applying the age bar. According to them, while numerous experienced BJP and Sangh admirers have been ignored, Modi retains septuagenarian advisors and extends retiring civil servants' tenures endlessly. Why, then, should Sangh stalwarts be marginalised?

The RSS champions meritocracy over chronological barriers. Hema Malini's 2024 candidacy at 75 exemplifies this pragmatism. Seasoned ideologues, forged in the Sangh's crucible, are vital to bridge the government-cadre divide. The BJP's 2024 electoral setbacks, notably in Uttar Pradesh, underscored this disconnect. Voters rebuked the party for rolling out the red carpet for opportunists and party hoppers, signalling the need for leaders with ideological ballast.

The time for damage control is over. Now is the BJP's moment of reckoning: do course correction or collapse. The Sangh is watching and it's not amused. For too long, the BJP has placed loyalty above lineage, optics above ideology. Dhankhar rose fast, but he fell faster. Now, with a leadership reshuffle imminent, the BJP has one chance to restore ideological clarity. The cadre is demanding conviction, not convenience.

With the Congress-led INDIA bloc sitting on 234 seats, sensing momentum and smelling blood, the BJP cannot afford drift. Allies TDP and JD(U), being dependent on minority vote banks, will not walk the Hindutva talk and, instead, will edit it. The Sangh's patience is finite. Modi's visit to Nagpur in March 2025 was not symbolic; it was penitential. It was a tacit admission that the BJP, in chasing electoral dominance, has wandered off-script. It still dominates the electoral map, the bureaucracy, and cultural institutions. But power without purpose is a sign of decay.

The RSS is making it clear to the BJP that the next phase of saffron politics must be driven by conviction, discipline and doctrinal loyalty. This is where the cull begins. A dozen state elections stand between now and 2029. Modi needs warriors, not weathercocks. Yogi Adityanath and Devendra Fadnavis fit the mould. The rest must be sifted, sorted and cast aside. The BJP must now build a leadership that oozes saffron, not rented for convenience. The Sangh parivar's mandate: ideological imposters will not be tolerated. Either the BJP returns to its core, or becomes just another party chasing power with no compass, no conviction, and eventually, a dim future.

THE GOLDEN CROP HALF A CENTURY AGO

OPINION

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K Balachander's *Apoorva Raagangal* (Rare Melodies) is a landmark Tamil film often cited for being the breakthrough lead role for Kamal Haasan, the debut vehicle for Rajinikanth and the bearer of one of the most melodic soundtracks of Indian cinema. What's more, it's a milestone in radically positing that love knows no barriers of age.

The film completes 50 years this August 15, the day that saw the release of one of the most commercially successful Indian films, Ramesh Sippy's *Sholay*. While this much mythologised film will expectedly be the cause of many celebrations this year, it would be appropriate to also acknowledge the other cinematic saplings born that year that have grown in relevance since.

While 1957 is often called the high-point in Indian cinema's golden age, 1975 was noteworthy in its own way. If it signalled a turning point in Tamil cinema with the arrival of a new generation of accomplished male stars, to eventually take the baton from Sivaji Ganesan and M G Ramachandran, filmmakers like Balachander and later Bharathiraja made mainstream Tamil cinema soar to new heights in the following years.

In Telugu cinema, 1975 marked the continued domination of N T Rama Rao. However, Dasari Narayan Rao's *Balipeetam* is a significant pick from the year's crop, exploring the still-relevant issue of tensions in an inter-caste marriage between a Dalit boy and a Brahmin girl.

In Malayalam cinema, the year was one of the most fecund for actor Prem Nazir, with more than a dozen releases. But more important was the arrival of G Aravindan as a force to reckon with in the parallel cinema movement. Though his debut feature *Uttarayanam* won the national and Kerala state film awards in 1974, its year of release is often attributed as 1975.

A new wave had started sweeping into Kannada cinema as well. After *Vamsha Vriksha* in 1971, B V Karanth came up with the powerful *Chomana Dudi* (Choma's Drum) in 1975. Based on a novel by Shivram Karanth, it is about the atrocities heaped on the family of an untouchable bonded labourer, with his anger finding a metaphorical release in the beating of the drum.

In Assam, a love story set in a tea estate, Abdul Majid's *Chameli Memsaab*, ruled the roost, while in West Bengal Uttam Kumar's dominion extended extended with him playing the antagonist in Pijush Basu's cult classic *Bagh Bondi Khela* (The Caged Tiger Game). Uttam's other huge success was Shakti Samanta's bilingual *Amanush*. While its Bengali version was released during Durga puja in 1974, the Hindi one came five months later in 1975.

Within Hindi cinema, there was so much more to 1975 than *Sholay*. It was a year packed with an embarrassment of riches, spread across genres. It was the year the star writing team of Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar was credited with the two biggies—*Sholay* and *Deewar*—and a prolific Gulzar coming up with three powerful films—*Aandhi*, *Mausam* and *Khushboo*.

There was a crop of endearing and enduring films across India in 1975, both in the commercial and parallel segments. The releases ranged from *Apoorva Raagangal* in Tamil and *Uttarayanam* in Malayalam to *Sholay* and *Chukpe Chupke* in Hindi

Vijay Sharma's low-budget mythological *Jai Santoshi Maa* wasn't just a massive hit second only to Sholay, but also led to the building up of a cult of the lesser-known Hindu goddess. Suddenly, every other person took to fasting for 16 Fridays to appease her. Reel life was influencing the real.

Arguably, the best mainstream Hindi film that year was Yash Chopra's simmering *Deewar*, about two brothers on the opposing sides of the law. Alienation, urban discontent, an anti-establishment theme and the angst of its vigilante hero, the Angry Young Man, segued well with the spirit of the times.

Talking of politics, Gulzar's *Aandhi*, released that February, had to face the brunt of censorship four months later. It was banned after the declaration of Emergency, only to be re-released in 1977 after the Janata Party came to power.

Meanwhile, Shyam Benegal was the flagbearer of the new wave in Hindi with *Nishant*, about the exploitation of disenfranchised women at the hands of the privileged men in feudal villages.

The one film of 1975 with the greatest repeat value has to be Hrishikesh Mukherjee's comedy *Chupke Chupke*. Based on the Bengali film *Chhadmabeshi* about a botany professor playing a prank on his brother-in-law and posing as his Hindi-speaking driver, the film seems to have come wrapped in a foil of perennial freshness. It continues to offer wholesome entertainment even five decades later.

QUOTE CORNER

For about a month now, I've lost the ability to follow the news. My focus is slipping. My body is breaking down. I suffer from anaemia as a result of eating only lentils and other legumes for months. And for the past two days, I've been unable to swallow due to severe throat inflammation—a consequence of relying on *dukkah* and spicy red peppers to try to quell my hunger.

Ruwaida Amer, Palestinian journalist forced to flee her home and take shelter with relatives in Khan Younis refugee camp in Gaza

Please do not force us to say something... about ED. Let political battles be fought among the electorate. Why are you being used for it?

B R Gavai, Chief Justice of India, while hearing the MUDA case appeal

Tactically, I thought they were found wanting... That let the pressure off England. Then the bouncer tactic, with which they're 24 hours late.

Ravi Shastri, on captain Shubman Gill's calls in the Manchester Test

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Enduring texts

Ref: *Death of the dictionary* (Jul 26). Pratik Kanjilal's article reflects on the fading role of written language. But it isn't disappearing, only shifting. AI and audiovisual media have made communication faster and wider, yet they often reduce mental effort and depth. The real challenge is to preserve language's richness. As it grows simpler and more fluid, we must still protect its power to shape thought.

Jeeva Myilsami, Guindy

Encroached footpaths

Ref: *Preferring Bengaluru footpaths like steak: 'rare', not 'well-done'* (Jul 26). A very interesting read. But when there is a footpath of specified standards anywhere in Bharat, not just in Bengaluru, it's encroached by vendors. No matter what the authorities do they can't be evicted, and the hafta (extortion) culture is a different ballgame. Footpaths are also used for parking cars. And when constructions are happening, materials and the watchman's shed are parked on the footpath.

Harsha N Biliangady, email

Cricket governance

Ref: *Sweeping powers to National Sports Board; focus on BCCI* (Jul 23). If BCCI were to come fully under National Sports Development Code, it may risk losing the operational autonomy that has been fundamental to its meteoric rise. Historically, sports bodies managed by or closely tied to government frameworks have struggled. That said, complete exemption from public accountability may not be justified either. A middle path with transparency in finances, elections and governance could be the way forward.

T Bharath Bharadwaj, Hyderabad

Medieval justice

Ref: *State action not enough to curb superstitions* (Jul 26). The recent incidents in Odisha highlighted in the editorial reflect medieval justice parading as custom. These spectacles, now amplified by mobile phones, cannot be dismissed as quaint traditions. The state must ensure constitutional rights and dignity over oppressive practices in remote tribal areas.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Students' safety

Ref: *Seven students dead after school building collapses in Rajasthan's Jhalawar* (Jul 26). The tragic collapse of the roof is a stark reminder of systemic negligence and our collective apathy. Despite warnings from students about falling debris, their concerns were dismissed with the careless assurance, "Nothing will happen." This reflects not only administrative failure but a deeper disregard for child safety. When school buildings become death traps, it is time for urgent introspection.

As'ad Kabir, Nagari

Record stint

Ref: *Modi becomes second-longest serving PM* (Jul 26). Modi has proved wrong many doubting Thomases and self-proclaimed pundits. He achieved his long stint not only while facing conspiracies of anti-India forces from within, but also from the West in addition to China, Pakistan and Bangladesh. He deserves accolades for surviving emphatically.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Marathi pride

Ref: *Language, longing and belonging* (Jul 25). Marathi, now a classical language, needs real promotion beyond politics. Native speakers must proudly use it daily, not switch to Hindi or English. Create demand by integrating it in media, schools and culture. True belonging comes from shared pride, not anti-Hindi hype, for all Maharashtrians.

Thameem Yoosaf, Kozhikode

Hulkamania's legacy

Ref: *Dwayne Johnson mourns death of wrestler Hulk Hogan* (Jul 25). The passing of Hulk Hogan marks the end of an era that defined the larger-than-life personalities of the 1980s. His Hulkamania routine, which had a cult following and was largely instrumental in transforming professional wrestling into home entertainment, will live on forever.

M Jeyaramachandran, Sholavandan

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
The supreme sacrifice during Kargil war is a timeless reminder of the unwavering resolve of our Armed Forces. India shall remain forever indebted to their service

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Due to flaws in the system, continuous paper leaks and exam cancellations are wasting the hard work, time, and hopes of lakhs of youth and their families.

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
Internationally reputed, New York-based NGO Human Rights Watch has also highlighted the persecution & illegal deportation of Bengali-speaking people

India most trusted partner: Muizzu as Modi ends visit

PM attends Independence Day celebrations, meets Oppn leaders

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with President Mohamed Muizzu on Saturday | x

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday concluded his two-day visit to the Maldives, underscoring a renewed phase in bilateral ties with outreach to leaders across the political spectrum and participation as the guest of honour at the country's 60th Independence Day celebrations. Modi was warmly received by President Mohamed Muizzu and his Cabinet at the iconic Republic Square in Male, where he attended a military parade and cultural performances marking the milestone occasion.

"It was an honour to attend the 60th Independence Day celebrations of the Maldives," Modi said in a post on X. "This momentous occasion showcased the rich cultural heritage and vibrant spirit of the Maldivian people. It also signified the country's journey of transformation over the years gone by... From its ancient maritime traditions to global leadership in critical areas like climate change, the Maldives has carved a unique place for itself on the world stage."

Muizzu, who came to power in 2023 amid calls to reduce India's footprint struck a very positive tone throughout the visit. "India has long stood as the Maldives' closest and most trusted partner," he said. "Our collaboration spans a wide range of areas — from security and trade to healthcare, education, and beyond — touching the everyday lives of our citizens... In pursuing our national goals, India's partnership remains invaluable."

In a significant move, Modi held a "meaningful" interaction with leaders from various Maldivian political parties. The prime minister also met former president Mohamed Nasheed and engaged with the Indian community, saying, "The Indian diaspora continues to be one of the strongest bridges between India and the world. We are very proud of our diaspora."

The visit also saw Modi meet with Vice President Uz Hussain Mohamed Latheef, who said it was "an honour" to call on the Indian prime minister. "As this year marks 60 years of formal diplomatic relations with India, the Prime Minister and I reflected on the journey of friendship and reciprocal support our countries have taken. I hope that the strong cooperation with India continues to grow and strengthen," Latheef said.

SC to hear Justice Varma petition against in-house cash probe on Monday

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court is set to hear on July 28 the petition filed by Justice Yashwant Varma of the Allahabad High Court, challenging the in-house inquiry committee report that indicted him over the recovery of unaccounted cash from his official residence in Delhi. The matter will be heard by a bench comprising Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Augustine George Masih.

The case has drawn sharp attention, as impeachment proceedings against Justice Varma have already been initiated in the Parliament, following a recommendation from former Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. The judge had called the in-house report "untenable" and accused the panel of reaching adverse conclusions based on inferences rather than evidence.

In his petition, Justice Varma had said: "Mere discovery is not sufficient to link him to any wrongdoing, without any clear evidence regarding its ownership and control." He questioned the legitimacy of the in-house procedure, arguing that it lacked statutory backing and encroached on Parliament's authority to remove judges. "The Constitution confers no disciplinary powers on this Court or the CJI over High Courts or their judges," the judge said.

The controversy began with a fire at Justice Varma's residence on March 14, which led to the recovery of large amounts of cash by firefighters. A video of burning currency went viral, prompting the then Chief Justice of India to set up a three-member inquiry panel. The report on May 3, concluded the misconduct. However Justice Varma has questioned why basic facts such as the ownership and quantity of the cash, and the cause of the fire, remain unanswered.

Represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, Varma argued before the court that the in-house process denied him natural justice. Recently, Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai recused from hearing the plea. Justice Varma maintains the allegations are part of a conspiracy.

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR

GAVEL TO GRAVEL: V-P DHANKHAR'S COOKIE-CRUMBLE

JAYANTH JACOB

MANDAR PARDIKAR

LAWYER, politician, governor, and vice president, Jagdeep Dhankhar's political journey has been unconventional to say the least, tempered in phases by his legal acumen, unpredictable fidelity, and erratic swings between his sense of correctness and pugnacious confrontation.

That sums up the manner of his resignation, quietly, long after sunset, which he made public through a social media note. It arose after the impression gained ground that Dhankhar had thwarted the ruling dispensation's strategy to initiate the impeachment of Justice Yashwant Varma. The treasury side was not yet ready with its motion when, as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Dhankhar reportedly received the Opposition's notice. The government was not amused.

In many ways, Dhankhar's story reads like a political parable — from the dusty village lanes of Kithana in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district to the ceremonial grandeur of the Vice President's Enclave in Lutyens' Delhi. Ambition, some legal finesse, and an appetite for the limelight forged his ascent. Yet the very elements that lifted him — law, pugnacity, and showmanship — ultimately contributed to his eclipse.

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Educated in physics and law at Jaipur University, Dhankhar built his early reputation at the Rajasthan High Court and later the Supreme Court. The black gown gave way to white kurta-politics in 1989, when he entered Parliament as a Janata Dal candidate backed by the BJP, a foreshadowing of the ideological tightrope he would walk for the next three decades.

From there began a restless political voyage. A textbook example of India's aya-ram-gaya-ram political culture, Dhankhar migrated from the Janata Dal to the Congress during PV Narasimha Rao's liberalisation era, before eventually returning to the BJP fold in 2003. Opportunism or ideological evolution? His critics lean toward the former; his supporters may argue pragmatism and survival.

It was, however, in Kolkata's Raj Bhawan, where Dhankhar's personality found full expression. Appointed Governor of West Bengal, he repeatedly clashed with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, casting aside traditional notions of gubernatorial neutrality. Daily duels and dramatic statements defined his tenure. To many, it seemed less a governorship than a one-man opposition front, laced with personal vendettas and partisan edge.

Yet what seemed like overreach to his detractors looked like assertiveness to those in Delhi. His combative stint in Bengal may well have burnished his image in the eyes of the ruling NDA, which tapped him for the Vice Presidency, a post that he approached not as a constitutional referee but sort of a player-coach.

In Parliament, Dhankhar quickly became a central, polarising figure. His defenders hailed a Vice President unafraid to call out disorder. His critics accused him of stifling dissent, echoing the high-handedness of his gubernatorial days. Walkouts in the Rajya Sabha became routine. The Opposition bristled at what they saw as partisan moderation. Accusations of overstepping his constitutional mandate trailed him persistently.

The turning point, perhaps, came when Dhankhar admitted an Opposition notice against a sitting judge—seen by some in government as premature and unsanctioned. The move sparked speculation about internal rifts, followed by his unexpected outreach to the Opposition. On the foreign front, he made only four overseas visits during his tenure—far fewer than Venkaiah Naidu's 13 and Hamid Ansari's 28. His Tehran trip for President Raisi's funeral drew criticism due to protocol lapses. At home, Dhankhar's combative tone in questioning the judiciary on issues like bill assent and the NJAC drew flak. He wanted to be the system's hand. But, in the end, the system pulled back. Unconventional? Certainly. He was. Forgotten? Time will tell.

Congress on Dhankhar: 'Political exit camouflaged as a constitutional lie'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Saturday launched a blistering attack on the Centre, calling former Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar's abrupt departure a "political exit camouflaged as a constitutional lie", and accused the government of playing "petty politics" over judicial accountability.

Addressing a press conference, senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi questioned the Union government's decision to ignore an Opposition-backed impeachment motion in the Rajya Sabha against Justice Yashwant Varma while moving ahead with a similar motion in the Lok Sabha.

"This is typical of BJP's double standards and yet another example of the Modi Sarkar's theatre of the absurd," Singhvi said. "The BJP's game of motions is less about law and more about optics. And how petty a dance to distract and dominate — our House Lok Sabha first and not Rajya Sabha, and out you go Vice President."

Singhvi alleged Dhankhar's show of "minimal independence" may have led to his unceremonious exit. "The best way to describe ex-Vice President Dhankhar's departure: a political exit camouflaged as a constitutional lie," he said. He also targeted the government for its silence on the pending motion against Justice Shekhar Yadav of the Allahabad HC, who Opposition MPs allege delivered a hate speech last year. "Why this selective outrage on Justice Varma and complete silence on Justice Yadav?" Singhvi asked. "Is this not the worst example of doublespeak and hypocrisy?"

The Congress leader said the government's decision to not allow both Houses to jointly constitute a statutory inquiry committee, as mandated by law, "potentially gives Justice Varma legal grounds to challenge the process."

"This isn't about one judge or two judges, or one Vice President. It's about the very architecture of our democracy," Singhvi said.

Safety audits of schools a must: Edu ministry to states

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

IN light of the collapse of a government school building in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district on July 25, which resulted in the death of seven students and injuries to 25 others, the Ministry of Education on Saturday issued a directive to all States and Union Territories to take urgent steps to ensure the safety and well-being of students.

Mandatory safety audits of schools and child-related facilities, as per national safety codes, are among the proposed measures. Additionally, providing psychosocial support through counselling and reporting any dangerous incident involving children within 24 hours to designated authorities is also proposed.

An advisory based on the Ministry's directive has been issued to all Chief Secretaries by the Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy.

An official release said that as a preventive measure, all schools and public facilities used by children and youth must undergo safety audits in accordance with national safety codes and disaster management guidelines. "Structural integrity, along with fire safety, emergency exits, and electrical wiring, must be thoroughly assessed," it said.

A reporting mechanism needs to be put in place for the safety of children, the Ministry mandated. "Any dangerous situation, near miss, or incident involving potential harm to children or youth must be reported within 24 hours to the designated State or UT authority. Strict accountability must be ensured in cases of delay, negligence, or failure to act," the statement said.

The Education ministry reaffirmed its shared responsibility with States and Union Territories to ensure that no child or youth is put at risk due to preventable circumstances, it reiterated.

Psychosocial well-being needs to be given importance, the advisory mandated. "In addition to physical safety, mental health and emotional well-being must be prioritised through counselling services, peer support systems, and community engagement initiatives," it said.

The order also mandated training for staff and students to tackle emergencies, including evacuation drills, first aid and safety protocol.

The order called upon education departments, school boards and affiliated authorities to act without any delay.

Students to be educated about Op Sindoor

To highlight the prowess of the Indian army, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) plans to educate students about Operation Sindoor. Educationists have been tasked with readying the module and the preparation is underway, said an education official. Classes 3 to 9 will have a separate module and a different one will be readied for classes 9th to 12th, he said. Captain Subanshu Shukla and his interaction with the Prime Minister and partition horrors too will find place.

All-arms brigade to be raised, says Army Chief

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

WITH the Indian Army evolving into a more modern, future-ready force, it is in process of raising a new fighting formation with an all arms configuration.

"The Army is in the process of raising all arms brigade named 'Rudra', wherein the fighting components of infantry, mechanised infantry, armoured units, artillery, special forces and unmanned aerial systems will be integrated , backed by specially designed logistics and combat support," General Upendra Dwivedi said on Saturday while addressing a ceremony at Kargil on the occasion of the 26th Anniversary of 1999 Kargil war.

The scaled up brigades will be oriented for "agile movement and task based configuration," said a source. Notably, the Army is already in a process of reorganising the fighting formations christened as Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs). Another addition in the form of combat units is the creation of "Light Commando Battalions"—christened as 'Bhairav'.

Male infertility accounts for nearly half of India's 27 mn cases: Experts

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

INDIA is facing a silent reproductive health crisis: of the estimated 27.5 million individuals grappling with infertility, male factors contribute to 40–50% of cases—an often-overlooked reality, according to top fertility experts.

The statistic challenges long-standing perceptions that place the burden of infertility primarily on women. "For too long, infertility has been viewed through a gendered lens that sidelines men. The data now compels us to confront male infertility as a mainstream medical issue, not a marginal one," said Dr. Pankaj Talwar, President of IFS, at the 6th National IVF Summit & Awards 2025.

Male infertility, experts say, is being driven by a confluence of modern stressors, ranging from poor lifestyle habits like smoking and alcohol use to rising obesity, environmental pollutants, and hormonal imbalances. Yet, societal stigma and silence continue to impede timely diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Ameet Patki, President of ISAR, warned that while India's IVF market is projected to soar—from USD 750 million in 2020 to a staggering USD 3.7 billion by 2030—those figures represent more than just business growth.

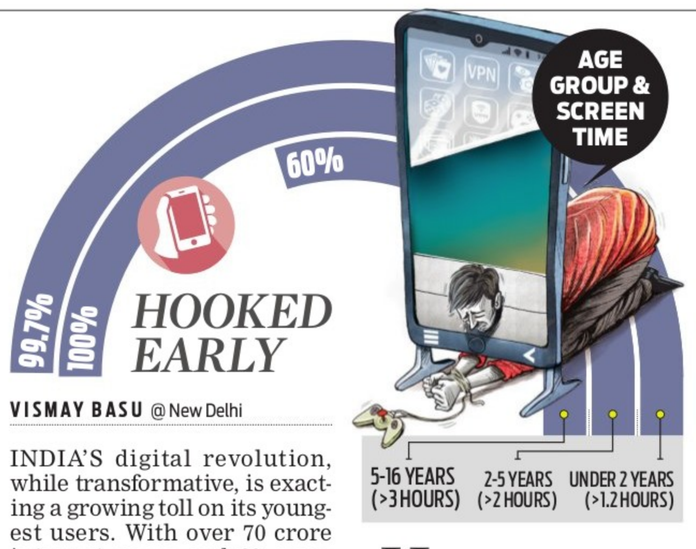
Infertility not taboo topic

The message from experts is clear: India's fertility ecosystem must move beyond stigma and adopt a scientifically grounded, emotionally attuned approach that acknowledges infertility as a shared burden, and male reproductive health as a critical part of the solution.

"Behind the market expansion are millions of emotionally taxing, often invisible journeys. Nearly half of these involve male-factor infertility, but men remain largely absent from the conversation," Dr Patki said at the just-concluded summit, which was hosted by the Integrated Health & Wellbeing (IHW) Council in collaboration with the Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction (ISAR) and supported by the Indian Fertility Society (IFS).

This exclusion has real-world consequences: delays in diagnosis, gendered treatment approaches, and emotional distress for couples navigating the healthcare system. According to Kamal Narayan, CEO of the IHW Council, "Male infertility is no longer a fringe issue—it is a national health priority. We cannot talk about inclusive fertility care without addressing this reality head-on."

The summit brought together clinicians, embryologists, hospital leaders, legal experts, and patient advocates in a bid to realign India's fertility care narrative. The message from experts is clear: India's fertility ecosystem must move beyond stigma and adopt a scientifically grounded, emotionally attuned approach that acknowledges infertility as a shared burden.



How screen addiction reshaping childhood

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S digital revolution, while transformative, is exacting a growing toll on its youngest users. With over 70 crore internet users and 60 crore smartphones in circulation, a creeping crisis is emerging—one driven by excessive screen time and digital dependency, especially among children and adolescents.

Though India lacks a unified nationwide study on digital addiction across age groups, a patchwork of regional and thematic studies reveal alarming trends. In Maharashtra, for example, 22% of children aged 9 to 17 reportedly spend more than six hours a day on screens. Nationwide, over 60% in the same age bracket log at least three hours daily on mobile games or social media.

Even preschoolers are not spared. Children under five now average 2.2 hours of screen exposure daily—more than double the limit recommended by pediatricians. For teenagers and university students, the situation is even more acute. A study in the Indian Journal of Community Medicine found that over a quarter of Delhi university students exhibit signs of smartphone addiction, with the rate rising to 33% among male students.

Compounding the problem is widespread parental disengagement. A survey cited by EducationWorld revealed that many parents underestimate the gravity of screen addiction or are unaware of their children's actual screen time.

The emotional and psychological fallout is hard to ignore. The Centre for Internet and Society (CIS), in data collected between 2020 and 2023, found that 27% of young adults aged 18 to 24 exhibit Problematic Internet Use (PIU), with Instagram, WhatsApp, and YouTube being major culprits. The effects are tangible—poorer academic performance, disrupted sleep, and emotional volatility.

Gendered patterns of distress are emerging as well. About 35% of young women report anxiety from social comparison online, while 15% of urban young men show compulsive gaming habits. While these behaviours are enabled by sophisticated, addictive algorithms, they are also exacerbated by policy inertia. India lacks a coherent digital wellbeing framework for minors. Hence what should be the empowering access to a digital world is mutating into an unregulated space where mental health is a collateral damage.

DOWNING CRISIS

Over 25 deaths by drowning on an average are reported every day in West Bengal, a recent survey has said, while advocating more public awareness to prevent such incidents.

2 GIRLS ABDUCTED AT GUNPOINT, RAPED IN UP'S BUDHANA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	25	Mumbai	29	28
Bhopal	26	23	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	33	27	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	34	28	Lucknow	33	27
Chennai	37	28	Port Blair	31	28
Kolkata	32	28	Imphal	27	23
Srinagar	29	18	Chandigarh	32	27

At party workers' camp, LoP blames 'biased umpire' EC for poll routs

Gear up to defeat BJP in its Gujarat fort: Rahul to Cong

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

WITH Gujarat in its crosshairs for the 2027 Assembly elections, the Congress on Saturday launched an aggressive organisational rejig led by Rahul Gandhi. At a high-stakes training camp in Anand, he took sharp digs at the Election Commission (EC), vowed to dethrone the BJP in its home turf, and energised grassroots leaders under the 'Sangathan Sujan Abhiyan'.

With Mission 2027 in full swing, the Congress has kicked off a decisive campaign from Gujarat—the BJP's strongest bastion. A three-day training camp for newly appointed District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents is underway at a resort near Anand, aimed at crafting a clear roadmap for the upcoming elections.

The event, concluding July 28, forms the backbone of Congress's 'Sangathan Sujan Abhiyan', a national campaign to revitalise its organisational machinery. Accusing the EC of playing umpire for the ruling party, Gandhi reportedly used a cricket analogy to boost morale: "If you get out repeatedly, you may begin to doubt yourself. But sometimes, it's the umpire who is biased."

This, said Surendranagar DCC chief Naushad Solanki, helped ground-level leaders understand that defeats like the 2017 Gujarat polls were not merely internal failures but also influenced by "dubious voters' lists".

Meets leaders of milk cooperative unions

Beyond rhetoric, the visit included strategic grassroots engagement. Gandhi held discussions with leaders from cooperative milk unions and dairy farmers, an influential community in Gujarat's economic and political fabric.

Gandhi, according to Surendranagar DCC chief Naushad Solanki, made it clear that Gujarat is no longer just a BJP stronghold, it is the battleground. "If we defeat them here, they can be defeated anywhere," Gandhi told the gathering, signalling a shift in Congress's conventional strategy, which once prioritised states like UP and Bihar.

He further slammed the BJP-RSS combine with a stinging metaphor likening the nation to a temple where everyone has the right to pray. Still, the ruling regime dictates the distribution of 'prasad' based on caste and privilege. "What a Dalit, OBC, or tribal receives is different from what an Ambani or Adani gets," Gandhi was quoted as saying.

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In an emotionally charged moment outside the Vadodara airport, a local Congress worker, Mitesh Parmar, ran in front of Gandhi's convoy shouting, "Rahul Gandhi tum aage badho, hum tumhare saath hain!" Moved by the gesture, Gandhi called him over, shook his hand, and took his card instantly, reigniting the loyalist's faith. "Ready to sacrifice my life to bring Congress to power in Gujarat; I've been fighting for 35 years, but senior leaders are blocking my path," Parmar said.

BJP, TMC in war of words over Bengali migrants

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

AMID a slugfest between the TMC and the BJP over the 'harassment' of Bengali-speaking people from West Bengal in various states ruled by the latter, the saffron party on Saturday accused West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee of compromising national security.

Reacting to the detention of 10 illegal Bangladeshi nationals in Gurugram, BJP IT cell in-charge Amit Malviya wrote on X Saturday, "Mamata Banerjee will now shed copious tears for illegal Bangladeshis, claiming they 'speak Bangla' and should be treated as her guests. This isn't compassion; it is the worst kind of perversion, where language is weaponised to justify illegality."

Accusing the West Bengal CM of compromising national security for "petty vote bank politics," he added, "When appeasement takes priority over national interest, the nation pays the price."

Haryana CM Nayab Saini also chimed in, emphasising that there was no place for "Bangladeshi infiltrators" in Haryana. He also took a swipe at his Bengal counterpart, claiming that her "sympathy toward those who breach the country's security" runs counter to national interests.

The TMC shot back by reiterating its claim of Bengali migrants being targeted in various BJP-run states.

Ahead of polls, EC takes steps to delink Bengal CEO from state control

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

WITH the Assembly polls in West Bengal less than a year away, the Election Commission (EC) has taken steps to ensure 'complete independence' of state's Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office, shifting his workspace to a Central government premises in Kolkata, sources said, while also suggesting, Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voters' list will soon begin in West Bengal too.

The office of the CEO, West Bengal is under the 'administrative and financial control' of the state's Home and Hill Affairs Department. In a firm directive, the EC has urged the state government to grant full financial and administrative independence to the CEO office. The recent communication to Chief Secretary Manoj Pant by EC under secretary Ashutosh M, emphasises the need to delink the CEO's functions from the state's home department, especially with Assembly polls scheduled next year.

In addition, plans are afoot on shifting the CEO office from its present location at Balmer Lawrie building on Strand Road, Dalhousie to a Central Government premises in Kolkata before September-October.

An official of the CEO office said, "The number of people in this office has increased significantly compared to the available space. Besides, there is a problem of parking. Therefore, a larger space has been considered for a long time."

Meanwhile, CEO **Manoj Agarwal** said the training process for BLOs (Booth Level Government Officials) has already started in the state. According to sources, this training process is the prelude to the SIR exercise in West Bengal.

In its directive to the state government, the EC pointed out that in the current system, the CEO's office does not have the necessary autonomy. The letter mentions creation of a CEO office unrelated to the state and with separate training infrastructure.

The EC also told the state administration that the CEO office does not have sufficient financial power in the current system. Nabanna has also been told to fill four posts of Deputy, Additional and Joint CEO before the upcoming elections.

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Ex-Leader of Opposition gets death threat

Former leader of the opposition and seven-time ex-Congress MLA Dr Govind Singh received a death threat over the phone on Friday. In the conversation, the caller said that the veteran politician would die soon and that his house too would be demolished. The 74-year-old veteran politician from Gwalior-Chambal region, reported the matter to the state's Director Generel of Police (DGP). Based on is complaint, the police have begun a probe into the matter. Initial finding revealed that the number from which the threatening call was allegedly made is registered in the name of some Shailendra Chauhan in Uttar Pradesh.

BJP-Cong clash over name change proposal

The clash between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress over a name change proposal has once again erupted in the state. This time the parties are locking horns over renaming the century-old Hamidia Hospital, Hamidia College and Hamidia School, which are currently named after the city's last ruling Nawab Hamidullah. The proposal moved by a BJP leader and passed by the BMC, labelled Nawab Hamidullah as "traitor," which also found support from MP minister Narendra Shivaji Patel and third-time local BJP MLA Rameshwar Sharma. The move has been strongly opposed by Congress MLA Arif Masood.

Minister under fire for corruption video

A video message by the state's Scheduled Caste Welfare Minister Nagarsingh Chouhan has provided by the Congress with ammunition to attack the state government ahead of the July 28 monsoon Assembly session. In the video, Chouhan cautions applicants for the posts of Anganwadi workers and assistants about a suspected nexus between middlemen and officials of women-child development department in his home Alirajpur district as the recruitment process for over 19,000 vacancies across the state is on. Sharing the video, LoP Umang Singhar wrote, "Now even MP ministers are admitting corruption in appointments at Anganwadis."

Four of family 'die by suicide' in MP's Sagar dist

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

FOUR members of a family, including a 45-year-old man and his two teenage children, allegedly committed suicide on Saturday by consuming sulphas tablets in the Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh, police said.

The deceased have been identified as Phoolrani Lodhi (70), his son Manohar Lodhi (45) and the latter's children Shivani (18) and Aniket (16).

The incident came to light when Manohar's elder brother, Jagdish—who was present on the first floor of the house—heard sounds of coughing and vomiting from the ground floor. When he went downstairs, he saw all four of them vomiting heavily. Jagdish promptly informed the neighbours about it. While Phoolrani and Aniket died on the spot, Manohar breathed his last on the way to the hospital, and Shivani at the civil hospital.

While no note has been found, sources say it is prima facie a case of mass suicide. "As of now, it seems unlikely that a possible dispute between Manohar and his three brothers, the burden of a debt or problems related to the two teenagers could have driven the family members to take the extreme step," a source revealed.

Seven Maoists killed in encounters with security forces in J'khand, C'garh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Raipur/Ranchi

SEVEN Maoists were killed in separate encounters with security forces in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh on Saturday.

At least four Maoist cadres were killed in an exchange of fire in the southwestern region of strife-torn Bijapur district, about 400 km south of Raipur, the Bastar police said on Saturday. An encounter ensued between a team of security forces and the Maoists in the evening hours. The gunbattle continues intermittently in the forested terrain. "Based on intelligence inputs regarding the presence of Maoists in the given location of Bijapur district, troops launched a search operation. A gunfight broke out in the evening. So far, four bodies of Maoist have been recovered along with the INSAS assault rifle, self-loading rifle and other weapons besides explosive materials and items of daily use from the encounter scene", said Sundarraj P, Bastar range inspector general of police.

As the search operation remains underway, details were not shared owing to the safety concerns of the personnel engaged in the anti-Maoist campaign on the ground.

In the last 18 months, as many as 425 Maoist cadres have been killed in various encounters in the Bastar Range. Bijapur, among the seven Maoist-affected districts in Bastar zone, is cited as an epicentre of the left-wing extremist group in south Chhattisgarh.

Meanwhile, three Naxalites were killed in a gunfight with forces in Jharkhand's Gumla district on Saturday, police said. Intelligence inputs were received that members of Jharkhand Jan Mukti Parishad, a splinter group of CPI (Maoist), had gathered in Ghaghra police station area, they said.

Acting on this tip-off, the operation was carried out by the Jharkhand Jaguar and Gumla Police, they added. Several rounds of bullets were fired from both sides. An AK-47 and two INSAS rifles were recovered from the spot.

"One of the deceased was identified as Dilip Lohra, 32, of Belagada in Ghaghra. The identification of the other two deceased is still underway," Gumla's SP Haris Bin Zaman said.

Mann runs into panchayats' fury over land pooling policy

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab is facing rising resistance from village communities across the state as its contentious land pooling policy triggers widespread backlash. At the heart of the protest is the government's plan to acquire 65,533 acres of land across 21 cities and towns to develop industrial and residential zones.

As of now, at least 107 village panchayats have formally passed resolutions rejecting the state's land pooling notification. Many more are expected to follow in the coming days, signalling a deepening standoff between the government and rural Punjab. Senior Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) leader and president of Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU-Lakhowal), Harinder Singh Lakhowal, said the resistance is intensifying despite CM Bhagwant Mann's assurances that land acquisition will remain strictly voluntary.

"Fifteen to 20 panchayats in villages like Jodha, Dohal Kallan, and Rattana near Ludhiana have already passed resolutions. Several others are re-passing them after following the correct procedure involving gram sabhas and designated secretaries," Lakhowal told this newspaper.

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Opposition rising: 107 panchayats have passed resolutions rejecting land acquisition
MAJOR DISTRICTS AFFECTED: LUDHIANA (24,000 ACRES), MOGA, JALANDHAR, HOSHIARPUR, AMRITSAR
LAND TROUBLE
Upcoming protest: Statewide tractor march on July 30
GOVT CLAIM: LAND ACQUISITION IS "VOLUNTARY" CHALLENGED BY VILLAGE RESOLUTIONS

He added that up to 200 panchayats, mostly in Ludhiana, Moga, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, and Amritsar, are expected to reject the government's move. Ludhiana alone accounts for nearly 24,000 acres targeted for residential development, with an additional 21,000 acres planned for industrial purposes across the state. The notification for the industrial zones is expected in the coming week.

In Mehlon village, where about 250 acres are marked for acquisition, local farmer Pawandeep Singh said the entire village has decided to oppose the move. "The very thought of losing our land, our livelihood, and moving elsewhere is unbearable," he said.

Gurinder Singh from Nathu Bhaini village, where 350 acres are at stake, echoed similar concerns. "If this land is taken, nothing will be left of our village. This resolution is our first legal step in what will be a long fight," he said. In Bhattian village near Phillaur, where 700 acres are earmarked for development, the sarpanch Ranjit Singh Batth confirmed that their panchayat has passed a resolution against land pooling just days ago.

Farmer unions accuse the state government of misleading the public. "The government is falsely claiming that farmers support the policy," said a senior leader of the BKU (Rajewal group). Farmers across Punjab have announced a tractor march on July 30 to protest the land pooling policy.

'They are both gone, now my home is empty'

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A day after a school building crumbled in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district, claiming seven innocent lives, a pall of gloom has descended over Peeplodi village. While several households have been touched with grief, Harak Chand is desolate. His only son, 8-year-old Kartik, was crushed in the tragedy.

Kartik, the youngest in the family, and his two sisters studied in the same school. The trio had left for school at 7 am, with the sisters holding their brother's hand as he skipped along. While the sisters were also injured in the accident, Kartik died. Father Harak Chand's felt nauseous when he learnt of the death of his only son. He is now admitted in hospital along with his two daughters. One is in critical condition in Jhalawar and the other, Manisha, is in Manohar Thana Hospital.

Villagers say Kartik was the youngest among three children and studied in fourth class. His

sister Manisha studies in seventh and Aarti in sixth. Ever since the tragedy, Manisha has repeatedly asked her mother: "What has happened to my brother? Who will I tie Rakhi to?" The mother has no answer to her daughter's query, she has been stunned into silence.

A similar silence prevails over the nearby home of Chhotu Lal. His 8-year-old son Kanha and 13-year-old daughter Meena died on the fateful Friday.

Chhotu Lal and his wife Pinky Bai didn't get a final glimpse of their children. Helpless and poor, they couldn't even reach the district hospital where their critically injured children were taken. As both children succumbed to injuries, the family waited at the mortuary for their bodies. Finally, on Saturday, they were cremated on the same pyre.

Inconsolable, the mother says, "They are both gone, now. My home is empty, no one to play in the courtyard. I wish God had taken me instead."

A relative recalled, "Meena was the eldest. She was in Class 5 and Kanha in Class 3. Their father had big dreams for both – to study and become officers. Now everything is gone." Several others have been touched by the irreparable loss.

Conversations with injured children and their parents at the hospital revealed a chilling truth: the roof of the school had been leaking and crumbling for the past four years. Both students and parents had repeatedly complained, yet no action was taken. Shockingly, teachers had even asked villagers to collect ₹200 per family to repair the roof themselves.

Tina, a Class 8 student, recounted the terrifying moment. "All classes were seated in one room. Pebbles had been falling from the ceiling. Some kids told the teacher, but he said, 'Nothing will happen, sit quietly.' Then suddenly, with a loud crash, a part of the roof fell. Few of us managed to escape before the entire roof collapsed, burying everyone else."

Saying 'I love you' to minor not sexual harassment under Pocso: C'garh HC

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh High Court has dismissed an appeal questioning the legality and propriety of a judgment that acquitted an accused booked under the offence of stalking, insulting the modesty, 'sexual assault' and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act for merely saying "I Love You" to a girl publicly.

On October 14, 2019, when a 15-year-old girl was returning from school along with her two friends, the accused approached her, expressed his 'fondness' saying "I Love You XXX" (XXX denoting the name of the girl) at Kurud in Dhamtari district, about 80 km south of Raipur.

The girl then lodged a police complaint, and a case was registered against the accused under IPC Sections 354-D (stalking), 509 (insulting the modesty), Section 8 of the POCSO Act (sexual assault) and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The trial court, earlier, considering the evidence led by the prosecution, held that the accused was not involved in the alleged crime, following which the appeal was filed in the HC.

The HC stated that no witness was examined regarding the girl's birth certificate, nor was the original material document or her school record produced; therefore, the accused was not found to be guilty of the offence under the POCSO Act.

Considering the statements of the two friends accompanying the girl, and her parents, the court inferred that there seemed only a single act of expressing "love by the accused" towards the girl on October 14, so he is acquitted from committing the act of stalking.

It observed that the essential ingredients to attract the criminal acts under 'stalking' and 'insulting the modesty' of the girl were not found to be established by convincing reliable evidence.

The court further maintained that there is no evidence to prove the alleged wrongdoing under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was committed only on the ground that the victim was an SC member.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mr. SYED AFZAL OOSMAN,** S/o Syed Abdul Basith, Aged about 48 years, Residing at No.88, Makan Road, Bharathinagar, Bangalore North, H.K.P.Road, BENGALURU-560 051 has entered into an sale agreement to purchase the schedule property from its owner/co-owners/legal heirs **1. Mr. NAYEEM AHMED** S/o late Nazeer Ahmed, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No.38/2, 1st Floor, Netaji Road, Frazer Town, BENGALURU-560 005. **2. Mr. KHALEEL ULLA SHARIEFF** S/o late Subhan Sharieff, residing at No.56, 2nd Floor, Bowring Hospital Road, Charchand Manzil, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560 001 for a valuable sale consideration.

Any person/s having objections to the above transaction or any claims whatsoever on the schedule property, shall, lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within Fourteen **(14) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned. If no objections or any claim received within the stipulated period of Fourteen days our client will proceed with the above-mentioned transaction presuming that no one has any claim and any claim made thereafter shall not be binding on our client.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1: All that part and parcel of the **Southern Side of Property bearing Site No.3,** formed out of Site No.3 V.PKatha No.389, Present Katha No.444/84/7 & 8,formed out of converted Land bearing Sy No.84/7measuring 0-37guntas SyNo.84/8 measuring 0-16 guntas Totally 1 acres 13guntas of Lands Duly converted for non-agricultural Industrial purpose, vide Conversion order No. ALN(S) SR(Ken) /121/2008-09, dated : 24-03-2012, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner. Bangalore District Bangalore. situated at **Kumbalgodu Village,** Panchayth, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, And Measuring76 X 60 out of : East to West :76-0 feet, North to South:15-0 Feet, in All measuring1140 Square Measuring And bounded as follows:

East by : 30 feet Road,
West by : Private Property
North bY : Remaining Property Site No.3 North Position
South by : Site No.02.

Item No.2: All that part and parcel of the **Vacant Site No.02,** V.P Katha No.389, Present Katha No.447/84/7 & 8, formed out of converted Land bearing Sy No.84/7 measuring 0-37 guntas Sy No.84/8 measuring 0-16 guntas Totally 1 acres 13 guntas of Lands Duly converted for non-agricultural Industrial purpose, vide Conversion order No. ALN(S)SR(Ken)/121/2008-09, dated: 24-03-2012, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner. Bangalore District Bangalore. situated at **Kumbalgodu Village,** Panchayth, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, And Measuring: East to West :76+90/2 feet, NortH to South: 43+17/2 Feet, in All measuring 2490 Square feet, Measuring And bounded as follows:

East by : 30 feet Road,
West by : Private Property
North by : Site No.3.
South by : Drain

DEEPAK .B.M, Advocate
No. 1,381/1, 2nd Floor, Opposite to Bharat Petrol Bunk, Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Main Road, Bangalore-560068
Mobile:9535965112, Date:27-07-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to general public that my client **Mr. M. RAVINDRA,** S/o. Mutha, is negotiating for the purchase of the below mentioned schedule property belonging to **Mrs. USHA KRISHNA MOORTHY,** W/o. Mr. S Krishna Moorthy, residing at No. B-612, Natasha Golf View Apts., Inner Ring Road, Near Flyover, Dommalur, Bangalore -560071.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest, or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned with issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights, with regards to the schedule property or any part thereof, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted vacant site bearing No. H5, Khatha No. 107, E-Katha PID NO. 150200102500600274, as per V P Katha records property No.288/H5, carved out of converted sy. No. 80 and 81, in the layout known as "KRISTAL MORGANITE", situated at Aduru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Measuring East to West: 40 ft or 12.192 mtrs., North to South: 30 ft or 9.144 mtrs., Total measuring : 1200 sq ft or 111.48 sq mtrs., And bounded on East by : Wide Road, West by : Site No. I-5, North by : SiteNo. H-4, South by: Site No. H-6,

Sd/- **M.L. SRNIVASA,** ADVOCATE
No. 45, 6TH MAIN, 3RD Phase,
J P Nagar, Bangalore -560078
Ph: 9449519737/ 8310256440

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is desirous of purchasing the residential land and building property bearing Municipal No.5, New e-PID No.1465185351, Property No.2 (Old PID No.75-28-2), (originally Site No.05 in Survey No.28, Ulsoor village, Bangalore) situated at Saraswathipura 1st Cross, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, which is detailed in the schedule hereunder, from **I a) G.L.THUKARAM CHAKRAVARTHY** S/O Late R.Gopal Naidu and his 1st wife late Lokamma, **b) N. SHANTI** W/O sri.G.L.Thukaram Chakravarthy, **I. a, b** are Residing at No.28, Appaiah Garden, Jogupalya, Halasuru, BANGALORE-560008, **II a) K. SHANTHA** W/O Late G.L. Dorai Swamy, **b) 1. EDESH KUMAR .D.S.** S/O Late G.L. Dorai Swamy, **2. SHILPA .J.** W/O Edesh Kumar .D.S., **3. CHEREESHMA .E.S.** D/O Edesh Kumar D.S, **4. JANYASREE .E.S.** D/O Edesh Kumar D.S, **b) 3 and 4**, above being minors represented by their father natural guardian Edesh Kumar S/O Late G.L.Dorai Swamy, **II. a, b 1 to 4** are all Residing at No.22, Rajarajeswari Layout, 3rd Cross, Swathantra Nagar, Near Sapna Apartment, Basavanapura Main Road, K.R.Puram, BANGALORE-49, **c) 1. LOKESH .D.S.** S/O Late G.L. Dorai Swamy, **2. MALATHY .R.G.** W/O Lokesh D.S. **3. YASHAS AARYA .L.M.** S/O Lokesh D.S., **4. PRANOY ADITHYA.** S/O Lokesh D.S., **c) 3 and 4**, above being minors represented by their father natural guardian Lokesh D.S. S/O Late G.L.Dorai Swamy, **c)1 to 4** are all Residing at No.24,4th Cross, Dasappa Layout, 1st PNT Layout, Horamavu, BANGALORE-43, **d) JAYASREE .D.S.** D/O Late G.L. Dorai Swamy, W/O sri.A.Susheel Kumar, Residing at No.624/27, 1st A Main Road, Ittumadu Layout, Near Terrace Garden Apt., BANGALORE-85, **III. PREMAKUMARI .J. also known as PREMAKUMARI .G.L.** D/O Late R.Gopal Naidu, W/O sri.T.Jayaraman, Residing at No.284/3, 1st Anenue Pallavan Nagar, Thiruverkadu, VTC: Ayappakkam, Ambattur, Tiruvallur, Chennai-77, **IV. G.L. RAJAKUMARI,** D/O Late R.Gopal Naidu, **V. a) GAJENDRA NAIDU .G.J.** S/O Late R.Gopal Naidu and his 2nd wife Late S.G.Jayalakshmi, **b) DAKSHAYINI. T.L.** W/O Gajendra Naidu G.J. S/O Late R.Gopal Naidu, **c) SAHANA .G.** D/O sri.Gajendra Naidu G.J. S/O Late R.Gopal Naidu, **V a) to c)** are all residing at No.64, 1st E Street, Near Nethaji Circle, Mathikere, BANGALORE-54, and **VI. G.J. DHANALAKSHMI,** D/O Late R.Gopal Naidu 2nd W/O Late S.G.Jayalakshmi, and W/O Late H.Ramesh, residing at No.28, Appaiah Garden, Jogupalya, Halasuru, BANGALORE-08, who jointly represent that they are the absolute owners of the said property having inherited it by virtue of being the only legal heirs of late R.Gopal Naidu S/O late Ramaswamy Naidu.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the said owners or objections to intended sale in favour of our client should write to the undersigned within 10 (TEN) days of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are asserting their right with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof and in the absence of which within such period, our client shall proceed to purchase on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential land and building property bearing Municipal No.5, New e-PID No.1465185351, Property No.2 (Old PID No.75-28-2), (originally Site No.05 in Survey No.28, Ulsoor village, Bangalore) now situated at Saraswathipura 1st Cross, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, comprising of old house totally measuring 1950 sq. feet and site measuring East to West-30feet; and North to South-Eastern side-60feet 00inches, Western side-62feet 06inches, totally measuring 1839.0 sq. feet, and being bounded on the: East by: Site No.6; West by: Site No.4; North by: Land of B.M.Chandrasekar Gowda; and South by: Road leading to Appareddy Palya.

(Sd/-) 26-07-2025.
G.P.MALATESH BABU, L.Y.PREMAVATHI, Advocates,
No.98/2, Jogupalya Main Road, Halasuru, BENGALURU-560008, Ph: 9449013409 / 9448140983

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

TAMIL NADU MOBILITY AND LOGISTICS CORPORATION LIMITED (TNMLC)

Tourism Complex, 5th Floor, No.2, Wallajah Road, Chennai – 600 002.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
(Selection of Experts to Build Project Management Unit (PMU) in TNMLC)

Tamil Nadu Mobility and Logistics Corporation Limited (Formerly PTCS), a Government of Tamilnadu Untertaking is proposed to select Experts to establish Program Management Unit (PMU). TNMLC invites eligible individual consultants / experts to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned positions for the PMU.

S.No	Name of Position	No. of Post
1.	Public Transport Expert cum Team Leader	1
2.	Procurement cum Finance Expert	1
3.	IT/MIS Expert	1
4.	Data Analytics Expert	1

The detailed EOI and Terms of Reference is available in the website **www.arasubus.tn.gov.in** & **www.tnuifsl.com.** Last date and time for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) is **07/08/2025** upto **5.00 PM.** The EOI shall be sent to the Managing Director, TNMLC, Tourism Complex, 5th Floor, No.2, Wallajah Road, Chennai – 600 002, Tamil Nadu, India, by registered post or by e.mail **(ptcsoffice2023@gmail.com)** Any further Corrigendum or Amendment shall be notified in this website only. Candidates shall regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated.

DIPR /843/DISPLAY/2025 **Managing Director, TNMLC**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the Immovable Property Municipal No.6/1, Old No.114, Later No.114/6 (carved from the land bearing Sy.No.52 of Gavipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), PID No.52-59-6/1, Property New E. PID No.7915027059, situated at De Javare Gowda Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 019, (BBMP Ward No.155-Hanumanthanagar), built on a site measuring East to West 33 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 1980 sq. feet, from Sri. KIRAN. A S/o. Late Anjanappa. S.

Anybody having any right, title, interest or share in the schedule property shall notify the same to the undersigned with documentary evidence, within ten days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my clients will purchase the schedule property, as if no valid claims are subsisting against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Immovable Property Municipal No.6/1, Old No.114, Later No.114/6 (carved from the land bearing Sy.No.52 of Gavipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), PID No.52-59-6/1, Property New E. PID No.7915027059, situated at De Javare Gowda Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 019, (BBMP Ward No.155-Hanumanthanagar), built on a site measuring East to West 33 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 1980 sq. feet, and bounded as follows **East by:** Property belonging to Sanjeev Kumar. A, **West by:** Property belonging to Doddaiah, **North by :** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

K.SURYAPRAKASH RAO, ADVOCATE,
Chakravarthy Complex, Sajjanrao Circle,
V.V. Puram, Bangalore-04.
Mobile No:9845347114, 6360911979.
Bengaluru. Dated: 27-07-2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that, my clients, **1. SRI. S. SRINIVAS** Son of Late Karibasappa.S Aged about 70 years, **2. Smt. S. NAGAMANI** W/o. Sri. S. Srinivas, Aged about 65 years, **3. Dr. S.S. GURURAJ** Son of Sri. S. Srinivas, Aged about 40 years, **4. Sri. S.S. KARTHIK,** Son of Sri. S. Srinivas, aged about 35 years, all, are residing at No.1082, 15th Cross, 1st Phase, 1st Stage, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560 026, have entered into Sale Agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its Present owners, **1. SMT. MEGHA B.R.** Aged about 48 Years, D/o. Late Sri. K.T. Rajashekara, **2. SRI. AARAVDEEPAK** S/o. Smt. Megha B.R. Aged about 19 years **3.KUM: ANHITI DEEPAK** D/o. Smt. Megha B.R. Aged about 16years, Minor represented by her guardian Mother **Smt. Megha B.R.** All are residing at No79, Sreesha, H.B. Samaja Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004 Any person/s, any other legal heirs/representatives, having any claim, right, title and interest or possession mortgage, hypothecation, lien etc., have got any objection or opposing the above referred transaction whatsoever may lodge his/their objections or claims with supporting documentary evidence /proof along with the attested copies of documents so as to reach the undersigned within **SEVEN (7)** Days from the date of this notice/publication, failing which it may be presumed that there are no objections or claims to complete the **SALE TRANSACTION** in favour of my clients. Any objections/ claims received after the lapse of **SEVEN (7)** Days will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and parcel of Commercial Property bearing Municipal No 5 and 6 (Old No. 30 and 32), P I D No: 27-22-5/6 called as Hotel Amar, situated at Dhanvantary Road formerly called as Ayurvedic Hospital Road Presently as per E Aasthi Khatha EPID No:-2632611743 measuring East to West 94.5' + 8' on the Northern Side 68-00 ft., on the Southern Side, or 25.91 Meters North to South 24'.10.5" +37'.4.5" on the East Side and 79' on the West side, or 19.1 Meters (i.e., 85'.0"X 62'.65" feet) totally measuring 5325.00 sq.ft., or 494.71 Square Meters., together with the building thereon of RCC roofing comprising of Ground Floor 2,300 sq.ft., First Floor 2,300 Square feet., Second Floor 2,300 Square feet., Third Floor, 2,300 Square feet., Fourth Floor 2,300 Square feet., Fifth Floor 2,300 Square feet., Sixth Floor 2,300 Square feet., and Seventh Floor 2,300 Square feet., built up area, total built up area 16099.984 Square feet., or 1495.738944 Square Meters. of RCC roofed building built in thereon, with having all civic amenities like water, electricity, sanitary facilities including all rights and privileges there to East by : Property bearing Old No 3, West by : Dhanvantary Road formerly called as Ayurvedic Hospital Road, North by: Conservancy Lane: and South by : Cross Road

L. LAKSHMINARAYANA, B.Com., LLB., ADVOCATE,
NO. 1462/33, PIPE LINE, VIJAYANAGAR,
BANGALORE-560 040.
MOB: 9880039840

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property described below from its owners, **SRI. HEMANTH V.G.,** Son of Sri. V.K. Gopal, residing at No.289, 12th Main Road, Near PES College, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bengaluru – 560050, and **SRI. G. BETTEGOWDA,** Son of Late Siddegowda, residing at No:592, Vishwa Bharathi Gruha Nirmana, 2nd Main, 4th Phase, Girinagar, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru-560085. Any person(s) or institution(s) having any claim(s) or objection(s) with respect to the Schedule Property are requested to submit the same, along with supporting documentary evidence, to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim(s) or objection(s) are received within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the purchase, treating the property as free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being vacant **Site No.09, New EPID No. 2574270503,** Old PID No.39-226-09, situated at **1st Stage, 3rd Block, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru,** under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No. 131-Nayandahalli Ward, **measuring East to West: 9.15 Meters, North to South: 16.40 Meters, totally measuring 150.06 Square Meters,** and is bounded on:

East by : Site No.08;
West by : Site No.10;
North by : Site No.13;
South by : Road;

H.UMASHANKAR, Advocate,
No: 8, 80ft Road, Chandra Layout
Bengaluru-40.

RELIGARE FINVEST LTD

RELIGARE Values that bind

CIN:U74999DL1995PLC064132

Regd. Office : 1407, 14th Floor, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019
Corporate office : 7th Floor, Max House, Block A, Dr.Jha Marg, Okhla Phase III, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi - 110 020
BRANCH OFFICE: No.421/G, 1st floor, 1st Main Road, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- Karnataka- 560038.

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6) & proviso to Rule 9(1)]

AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisos to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Religare Finvest Limited,** Secured Creditor, **will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.09.2025 for recovery of ₹ 1,30,30,703.52** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Three and Fifty Two Paise Only) for account **XMORKRM00052814 as of 24.07.2025** along with up to date, interest, costs and charges due to the RFL from the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) namely, **1)Mr.Nagesh B, 2)Mrs.Shamala Bai, 3)Mrs.Annapurna G, 4)Mr.Sundar Rao and 5)Mrs.Jayalakshmi B.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property No.1: All the piece and parcel of the Industrial land being **Flat bearing No.002 in the Ground Floor, having super built-up area 1460 of Sq Ft, Constructed on the property bearing No.59, Old No.28/1, PID No.66-187-59, Situated at 8th Cross Road, Venkatapura Village,** Gramatana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward No.173(66) of BBMP Bangalore, Karnataka-560034, Presently Comes under the jurisdiction of Bounded By; East by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, West by: Road, North by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, South by: House of Gopalappa, Krishnappa, Anjinappa and Others.

The Reserve Price will be ₹ **76,57,335/-** and the **Earnest Money Deposit** will be ₹ **7,65,733/-**

Property No.2: All the piece and parcel of the Industrial land being **Flat bearing No.403 in the Fourth Floor having super built-up area 1070 Sq Ft** Constructed on the property bearing **No.59, Old No.28/1, PID No.66-187-59, Situated at 8th Cross Road, Venkatapura Village,** Gramatana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward No.173(66) of BBMP Bangalore, Karnataka-560034, Presently Comes under the jurisdiction of Bounded By; East by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, West by: Road, North by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, South by: House of Gopalappa, Krishnappa, Anjinappa and Others.

The Reserve Price will be ₹ **56,11,883/-** and the **Earnest Money Deposit** will be ₹ **5,61,188/-**

Date, Time and Place of Auction: 05.09.2025
For Property.No.1: From 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m,
For Property.No.2 : From 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon
at Religare Finvest Limited, No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- 560038

Known Encumbrances

RFL is not aware of any encumbrances on the secured asset to be sold. Interested parties should make their own assessment of the secured asset to their satisfaction. Secured Creditor (RFL) does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid secured asset.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on Secured Creditor's website i.e., **www.religarefinvest.com**

For any other information, please contact **Mr.Ansar B.S.** on his Mobile No. **89290 24427** or contact him at his **E-mail id: ansar.s@religare.com,** and **Mr.A.Wilson** Mobile No. **93110 56699** or contact him at his e-mail **id:a.wilson@religare.com**

Date : 25.07.2025 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **M/s.Religare Finvest Limited**

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA2002SGC030436

No. GESCOM/SEE (Procurement)/EE/AEE/25-26/30167-72 Date:25.07.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP portal mode only)

PC-1471: Supply of Hi-Visibility Reflective Rain Wear as per GESCOM Specifications **(Tender Amount: Rs. 116.99 Lakhs)**

Dates: Bid documents available at KPP Portal: on or after 28.07.2025, Last Date for Bid submission, Opening of Technical Bid and opening of price Bid: As per KPP Portal.

Bidder Qualifying Requirements: As per tender documents: For additional information Contact: Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102. Mobile: 94484 99997. Web Site Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For information about the KPP portal, contact the helpline at +91 – 8046010000/8068948777/ 9240214000/ 9240214001or e-mail address:support@eprochelpdesk.com

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/327/KSMC&A/2025-26

Government of Karnataka

Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences

An Autonomous Institute of Medical Sciences, Sagar Road,
Shivamogga - 577 201. Phone : 08182 229933/269701,
FAX :08182 264100, Website : **www.sims-shimoga.com**

E-procurement Tender Notification

No:SIMS/Store/Tender/Notification/7/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: **24.07.2025**

Tenders have been invited from Shivamogga Institutue of Medical Sciences in two-cover system through online for the procurement of the following.

Sl NO	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Item	Publish, Duration, End, Date and time.
1	SIMS/EST/MIS/6/1773006/2025-26 PSTR-SIMS-SMG/Call-2 Date: 24/07/2025	Re-Tender Procurement of Electrical & Plumbing Services To Sims, Shivamogga	From: 28-07-2025 to 12-08-2025 at 5.00 PM.

Bid documents shall be downloaded from website: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The date of opening of tender will be intimated in tender book. The tender receiving authority has a right to accept/reject/cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Director/Dean
DIPR/SMG/No-164-07/zenkar/2025-26 **Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga**

IN THE COURT OF THE 4th ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 1751/2021

BETWEEN:
Sri. H.H. Nagaraju, S/o Late Sri. Halage Gowda, Aged about 48 years, R/at E Hosahalli, Madihalli, Ibbeedu Post, Belur Taluk, Hassan District. **...Plaintiff**
AND:
Smt. Shobha R, W/o B.C. Jaikumar, Aged about 43 years, R/at No. 147, 2nd Cross, Near Thippenahalli Bus stand, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560 073. **And Others ...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.3

Defendant No.3: Sri. Ravikumar R, S/o Late Sri. Ramaiah, Aged about 37 years, R/at No. 286/1, 3rd Cross, Peenya 1st Stage, Near Old Post Office, Bengaluru-560 058.

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above suit against you and others for the relief of declaration and other reliefs with regard to suit schedule property and you are hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble 4th Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, at Bengaluru, in the above suit on **02.09.2025 at 11:00 am,** forenoon in person or through a pleader/advocate duly instructed by you, failing which the suit will be heard in your absence by placing you ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.73, assessment No. 17/2, and 11/2, Katha No.279 Doddabidarakallu Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 40, measuring East to West 30 feet, and North to South 40 feet, bounded on:

East by: Property No. 74, West by: Private property, North by: Road, South by: Property No.88 with two temporary shops Which are under construction with asbestos sheet roofing

Given under my hand and seal on this 22nd day of July, 2025 at Bengaluru. **By Order of the Court**
***Sd/-* Chief Ministerial Officer**
Senior Civil Judge Court,
Bengaluru Rural Dist., Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff:
Ashwathappa. T, Advocate, KAR. 4731/99, No.2627, 6th Cross, 14th Main, E Block, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-560 092.
Mob No: 9900997402.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, AT BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001

O. A. No.237/2022

Between: Karnataka Bank, Bellandur - Branch . **...Applicant**
And
Sri Girish & Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, D1 Sri Girish S., S/o. Suresh, No. 84, 1803, Elite Promanade, 7th Phase, J. P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078.
Also at : No. 1313, Keshava Swamy Temple Street, Vijayapura, Amanikere, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Urban - 562 135.
D2 Smt. Deepika, W/o. Girish S., No. 1803, Elite Promanade, 7th Phase, J. P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078.
Also at : No. 3439, Ground Floor, 4th Main Road, Sastrinagar, Near Asian Paints, Devanahalli Bengaluru Urban - 562 135. **...Defendant**

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against both of you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.1,92,09,302/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Two Lakhs Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Two Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed you to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorised agent in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **02.09.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why relierfs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 23rd day of July 2025.

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/T&P/SE-2/2025-26/3713-28 Date: 25.07.2025

BREIF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following enquiry number on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

Enquiry Number/ Name of the Work

KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2419

Combined Package for:

Work A: Establishing **220kV Digital switching-station** with double bus bar arrangement at **Giriyala (Hirehonnalli)** in Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District and construction of following 220kV transmission lines using High Performance Conductor (HPC):-

- **i.** 220kV Line-In from Nagazari-SRS Hubballi 1, 2 & 3 line & Nagazari-Bidnal SC line to 220kV Digital Switching Station at Giriyala (Hirehonnalli) for a distance of **4.093km.**
- **ii.** 220kV Line-Out from 220 kV Digital Switching Station at Giriyala (Hirehonnalli) to 220kV Nagazari-SRS Hubballi 1, 2 & 3 line &Nagazari-Bidnal SC line for a distance of **4.1km.**
- **iii.** 220 kV LILO line from SRS Hubballi-Sirsi DC line to 220 kV Digital Switching Station at Giriyala (Hirehonnalli) for a distance of **12.173km.**
- **iv.** 220 kV LILO line from 220kV Narendra-Haveri (Shiggaon) SC line and Narendra-Bidnal SC line to proposed 220kV Digital Switching Station at Giriyala (Hirehonnalli) for a distance of **4.819 km.**

Work B: Establishing **2X20 MVA 110/11kV** sub-station at **Mulagund** and construction of 110 kV LILO line with Lynx conductor from existing 110kV Gadag-Lakshmeshwara SC line to the proposed 110kV Mulagund sub-station for a distance of **0.423km** in Gadag Taluk and District.

Work C: Establishing **2X20 MVA 110/11kV** sub-station at **Amalazari (Kishori)** and construction of 110kV LILO line with Lynx conductor from the existing 110kV Mantur-Mareguddi SC line to the proposed 110kV Amalazari (Kishori) sub-station for a distance of **1.356km** in Mudhol Taluk and Bagalkot District.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.07.2025 at 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids **is 30.08.2025 at 15:00hrs.** Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours. All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy. Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Bengaluru-560009

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. EEE/KPTCL/OP/TKR/AEE(O)/AET-2/2025-26/3593 **Date: 22.07.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) is a Power Transmission Utility, wholly owned by Government of Karnataka. Under the guidelines of Central Electricity Authority, Government of India, KPTCL is Transmitting power under different Extra High voltage of 220KV, 110kV & 66KV.

The Transmission Lines coming under the jurisdiction of the undersigned is passing through the Geographical area of Tiptur Taluk, Turuvekere Taluk, Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Gubbi Taluk, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur Taluk, Koratagere Taluk, Pavagada Taluk, Sira Taluk & Madhugiri Taluk & also some places in Madakasira mandalam in Ananthapura district of Andra Pradesh.

The KPTCL has observed, public are constructing Residential buildings, Industries, Commercial Establishments etc., in the corridor of the Transmission lines in the above mentioned Geographical areas. In some places, Residential buildings were constructed and residing underneath the Transmission Lines, which is dangerous to the life of public and their property. Due to this the numbers of electrical accidents are occurring and may increase day by day. Due to this life and property of the public is at risk.

KPTCL does not encourage constructing buildings, plantings trees, storing flammable materials under the lines or involving other activities near High Voltage lines. As such activities may result in loss of public property and lives. KPTCL Officials is enlightening the public the effect of construction of buildings underneath the Transmission lines and dangerous involved through notices and oral communications and conducted Jatha. Despite If any accidents occurred then owners of those buildings are themselves are responsible for the same.

Construction of buildings/temporary sheds close to electric towers or lying banners and buntings to the tower are extremely dangerous. Public are hereby requested to inform nearest KPTCL office if they see any such activities.

Walking, flying kites and drying clothes on top of buildings constructed close to or below Extra High Voltage lines is very dangerous as it will be subjected to induction zone of Extra High Voltage lines which will result in causalities or even death. Such accidents are frequently reported in many newspapers and in electronic media. So inorder to stop such accidents, owners/residents of such buildings should not carry out any activities under or in vicinity of such Extra High Voltage Lines.

As per Central Electricity Authority Regulations-2023 for Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) construction of buildings below present overhead Power lines is illegal. As mentioned in the Regulation, the owners of the buildings that are constructed close to and below the overhead Transmission lines should see that the minimum horizontal clearance are maintained from the building are shown below.

Voltage Class	66kV	110kV	220kV
Horizontal corridor clearance from both sides of ground wire	9+9 m	11+11m	17.5+17.5 m

As per C.E.A Regulations it is the responsibility of every citizen to maintain minimum Horizontal distance as mentioned above. In view of safety it is informed to clear such buildings that are built illegally. Otherwise the owners will be held responsible for any future accidents, interruption in power supply etc., and police complaint will be registered against the offenders and necessary action will be taken as per law.

This notification is issued in Public interest.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (Ele.) Operations Division, KPTCL, Kothithopu Road,Tumakuru - 572 101.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sri AKHILESHWAR DUBEY S/o Ramashray Dubey, Residing at No.434, Someshwara Layout, Near Someshwara Temple, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South, BANGALORE-560076 is intends to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written from T.G.N Constructions represented by its partner Mr. Malepati Janardhan Naidu S/o Venkaiah Naidu, Residing at Flat No.401, Shriram Shelters, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh who represented that it has got clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property and or have any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within SEVEN (7) days from today, filing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing Converted Site No.8, Old V.P. Katha No.429/1, Present Property E-PID No. 1502001001420640, layout formed collectively out of converted Property bearing Sy.No's.109/2,109/3 and 109/4, duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose under three different conversion orders and layout plan approved by the Planning Authority, Situated at MAHANTALINGAPURA Village, in the Layout called as NAKSHTHRA-5, Phase-2, Jigani Hobli,Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, now comes under the limits of Kallubalu Grama Panchayat measuring East to West 45 Feet and North to South 30 Feet totally measuring to an extent of 1350 Sq. Ft, and bounded as follows;

On the **East by:** Bank Property, **West by** : 30 Feet Road, **North by:** 30 Feet Road, **South by:** Property bearing Site No.9.

M.ANANDA, B.A., LL.B., Advocate
No. 1431, Ground Floor
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Near Sub-Registrar's Office, Begur
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Branch Address: 2nd Floor, No.1143, MIG 16th B Cross 2nd Stage, 'B' Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Under Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described herein below of the Columns on the respective dates mentioned in Column [E] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl. No. [A]	Name and Address of Borrower & Loan A/c No. [B]	Date of Demand Notice [C]	Outstanding Amount [D]	Date & Type of Possession [E]
1	**Loan Account No.HE01YAA00000050367:** **1. Nanjappa Venkatesh (Applicant), 2. Raju Indrani (Co-Applicant),** Both are at: No.66, 1st Main Road, Near Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Mallasandra, Bangalore, Karnataka-560057. **3. Maruthi Stores (Co-Applicant),** No.85/1, Near Vegetable Market, 3rd Crs., 5th Main, Mallasandra Babanna Badavane, Bangalore, Karnataka-560057.	08-04-2025	Rs. 41,62,501/- as on 08-04-2025 and interest thereon.	25-07-2025

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.8, Katha No.559, formed in Sy.No.35, PID No.13-W0065-22, situated at Mallasandra Grama Yeshwanthpura hobli Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet in all measuring 600 Square feet along with building constructed thereon and **bounded on: East by:** Others Property, **West by:** 30 feet Road, **North by:** Site No.8A and **South by:** Site No.9, Within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub-Registration Office.

Date: 27-07-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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spectators died in France in a motor rally on Saturday

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Colombo	31	27	LC	Melbourne	16	6	SNY
Dhaka	32	27	LR	Moscow	28	16	LC
Dubai	44	35	SNY	New York	32	22	SNY
Houston	35	26	SNY	Singapore	34	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	23	SNY	Toronto	29	15	LC
London	30	19	TDS	Washington	36	25	SNY

Protesters decry visit as Don plays golf in Scotland

EDINBURGH

PRESIDENT Donald Trump played golf Saturday at his course on Scotland's coast while protesters around the country took to the streets to decry his visit and accuse United Kingdom leaders of pandering to the American.

Trump and his son Eric played with the US ambassador to Britain, Warren Stephens, near Turnberry, a historic course that the Trump family's company took over in 2008. Hundreds of protesters gathered on the cobblestone and tree-lined street in front of the US Consulate about 100 miles (160 kilometers) away in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital.

Speakers on a makeshift stage told the crowd that Trump was not welcome and they criticized British Prime Minister Keir Starmer for striking a recent trade deal to avoid stiff US tariffs on goods imported from the UK.

Protests were planned in other cities as environmental activists, opponents of Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza and pro-Ukraine groups loosely formed a "Stop Trump Coalition."

"I think there are far too many countries that are feeling the pressure of Trump and that they feel that they have to accept him and we should not accept him here," said June Osbourne, 52, a photographer and photo historian from Edinburgh who protested wearing a red cloak and white hood, recalling "The Handmaid's Tale." Osbourne held up picture of Trump with "Resist" stamped over his face.

The dual-US-British citizen said the Republican president was "the worst thing that has happened to the world, the US, in decades."

While in Scotland, Trump is set to talk trade with Starmer and Ursula von der Leyen, the European Commission president. But golf is a major focus.

The Trumps will also visit another Trump course, in the Aberdeen area in northeastern Scotland. They plan to cut a ribbon on Tuesday, opening the second Trump course.

The president has long lobbied for Turnberry to host the British Open. *AP*

US President Donald Trump waves to reporters as he plays golf at the his golf course in Turnberry, Scotland on Saturday | AP

Palestinians struggle to get donated food at a community kitchen, in Gaza City, northern Gaza Strip, Saturday. The growing food crisis in Gaza has now reached dizzying heights, with world leaders condemning Israel's aid blocade at borders and its outlandish proposal to drop aid from the sky through jets, calling them unsafe | AP

UNRWA chief: Gaza aid airdrops will not stop crisis of 'starvation'

JERUSALEM

THE head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees said Saturday that planned airdrops of aid into the Gaza Strip would not solve severe food shortages caused by months of restrictions on the entry of supplies.

"Airdrops will not reverse the deepening starvation. They are expensive, inefficient & can even kill starving civilians," UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini wrote on X, calling the wave of hunger affecting Gaza "manmade".

An Israeli official told AFP on Friday that aid drops in Gaza would resume soon, adding they would be conducted by the United Arab Emirates and Jordan.

The humanitarian situation in the Palestinian territory has gravely deteriorated in recent days, with international NGOs warning of soaring malnutrition among children.

"Lift the siege, open the gates & guarantee safe movements + dignified access to people in need," Lazzarini said, referring to the various entry points under Israeli control that regulate access into Gaza.

Israel imposed a total blockade on the entry of aid into Gaza on March 2 after talks to extend a ceasefire broke down. It began to allow a trickle of aid to enter again in late May.

The UN and NGOs on the ground have decried the severe scarcity facing Gaza's 2.4 million people, with shortages of food, clean water, medicine and fuel.

Israel's military said Friday that the country did "not limit the number of trucks going into the Gaza Strip", and that humanitarian organisations and the UN were not collecting the aid once it was inside the territory.

Humanitarian organisations accuse the Israeli army of imposing excessive restrictions on the goods allowed into Gaza and on the routes made available to transport the aid to distribution points.

The United Arab Emirates, Jordan, France and other countries carried out airdrops in Gaza in 2024, at a time when the transport of aid on land routes also faced restrictions.

Many in the humanitarian community consider such drops to be ineffective and dangerous due to the relatively small volumes of deliveries and the risk of aid seekers being killed by landing crates, as has previously happened in Gaza.

Meanwhile, those in Gaza said aid airdrops are not safe.

"I believe that the air drops have proven to be a failure over the past months, as they have caused numerous tragedies for civilians," said a man who didn't wish to be named. "This method is unsafe here in Gaza where there is no clear space to drop the aid." *AFP*

Hamas surprised by Don's ceasefire comments

Gaza City: Hamas officials expressed surprise on Saturday at US President Donald Trump's accusation that the group "didn't really want" a ceasefire and hostage release deal for Gaza. Trump made the allegation of Friday a day after Israel and the United States quit indirect negotiations with Hamas in Qatar that had lasted nearly three weeks. "Trump's remarks are particularly surprising, especially as they come at a time when progress had been made on some of the negotiation files," Hamas official Taher al-Nunu told AFP. "So far, we have not been informed of any issues regarding the files under discussion in the indirect ceasefire negotiations", he added. Nunu, who is close to Hamas's most senior political officials, said he was "surprised" that Israel and the United States had left the talks.

ISRAELI GUNSHOTS, STRIKES KILL AT LEAST 25 IN GAZA STRIP

Deir Al-Balah: The Israeli airstrikes and gunshots overnight killed at least 25 people, according to Palestinian health officials and the ambulance service on Saturday, as ceasefire talks appear to have stalled and Gaza faces famine.The majority of victims were killed by gunfire as they waited for aid trucks close to the Zikim crossing with Israel, said staff at Shifa hospital, where the bodies were brought. Israel's army didn't respond to a request for comments about the latest shootings. The strikes come as ceasefire talks between Israel and Hamas have hit a standstill after the US and Israel recalled their negotiating teams on Thursday, throwing the future of the talks into further uncertainty. Egypt and Qatar, which are mediating the talks alongside the United States, said the pause was only temporary and that talks would resume soon.

ASIA MATTERS

DRUG COURIER HELD WITH METH AT BATAM

Batam Customs' Counter-Smuggling Task Force caught a man, OT, attempting to smuggle 188.9 grams of crystal methamphetamine to Lombok through Hang Nadim Airport. Officers became suspicious after noticing his nervous behavior a. A body scan confirmed the drugs hidden in his rectum. OT revealed he was working for a man named PL, who promised Rp5 million per successful delivery. This arrest highlights ongoing efforts to combat drug smuggling through airports, part of strengthened cooperation with the National Narcotics Agency and AirNav Indonesia.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my clients Smt. Anusuya. M., and Sri. Dayanand. R., both are residing at Bangalore have negotiated to purchase the properties described in the Schedule hereunder standing in the names of Sri. Maralinga S/o. Sri. Muddegowda and Sri. Mahadeva S/o. Sri. Swamy respectively.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within ten days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULES

ITEM NO.1:
All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Sy. No. 137/1, to the extent of 01 Acre 24 Guntas, Situated at Ganalu Village, Halguru Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, bearing Khatha no. 137/24 and bounded on :-
Boundaries:
East by : Property bearing Sy. No. 138/1 belonging to Sri. Maralinga;
West by : Government property bearingSy. no. 110;
North by : Property belonging to Sri. Arunachalam;
South by : Property bearing Sy. no. 275/5 belonging to Sri.Mahadeva. G. S

ITEM NO. 2:
All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Sy. No. 275/2, Re-Sy. No. 275/5, to the extent of 0-25 Guntas, Situated at Ganalu Village, Halguru Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, bearing E-Sketch no. 22070125523498001 and bounded on :
Boundaries:
East by : Road bearing Land no. 138;
West by : Pit;
North by: Property bearing Block no. 1 belonging to Sri. Lingaraju;
South by : Property bearing Land no. 137, belonging to Sri. Maralingaiah.
Bangalore
Dated: 26/07/2025
MALLIKA.B Advocate
No. 19, 1st 'E' Cross,
J. S. Nagar, Nandinilayout,
Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9845595954 / 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Inform the General Public that, my clients are intending to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner Sri.Kiran Kalyan . If any person/s or entities have any right, title, interest or claim over the schedule property or objections to the proposed sale transaction in favour of my client, the same may be sent/lodged to the undersigned with documentary proof/ evidence within 7 (seven) days from the date of this public notice. If no objections are received within the said period my clients will proceed further to complete the sale transaction in respect of the schedule property and No Claims are entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No.207 (Old No.221), Municipal No.207/3, New E-PID No.2544680438**, situated at 16th Cross, CHBCS Layout, Vijayanagar Extension, Bengaluru, Presently under BBMP Limits, **Ward No.104,** measuring East to West: 75 feet and North to South: 50 feet, totally measuring about 3750 square feet, along with constructed building thereon with all civic amenities, and bounded by:- East by : 30 Feet Road, West by : Site No.202, North by : Site No.208, South by : Site No.206.

GOWRI PRADEEP, ADVOCATE
69, Shree Nilaya, 8th Main, S.K.Layout, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056.
Ph. No. 9886814698, 8147294698

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **Mr.Girisha** S/o. Late. Sidda Hanumaiah, No.58, 1st Cross Pattanagere, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru -560 098, is intending to purchase the immovable property being the eastern side of the site bearing No.40 (Out of site No.40 and 45) Property No.501, Assessment Katha No.133/134, within BBMP Ward No.130, Ullalu, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Property No.364/534/133/134/40,45, e-PID No. 1017997130 measuring East to West 20-0 feet and North to South 30-0 feet, bounded on the East by Site No.39, West by Western portion of Site No.40, North by Site No.45 and South by Road, from its owner Sri B.Sambashivudi, S/o.. Sri. Balachowdappa.
Therefore, any person/s/ Bank and Society having any right, title or interest by way of their claim against the property mentioned supra, should send their claims in writing to the undersigned along with the documentary evidence in support of the said claim thereof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which claims if any shall be deemed to have been waived.
Ms. Sunitha H. Singh,
Balaji Prasad. H., Advocate
No.45, 2nd Main Road, Kempanna and Brothers Layout, Palace Guttahalli, Bengaluru - 560 020,
Mob: 9845519285, 9886826848.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the knowledge of the public that my client M/s YES TO ALL registered partnership firm Represented by its partners **Mrs. Navayashree P.N** and. **Mr. S.K.Prabhu** are jointly intent to purchase a residential house eastern portion of immoveable property bearing Site No.I and 2, khatha No.108, Assessment No.108, New EPID No.4118180255, measuring East to West 22.5 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 900 sq feet consisting of ground, first and second floor RCC roofed building. Situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, bounded on the East by Private property, West by remaining portion of same property belongs to **Mr. Duserath.A**, North by road and South by Site No. 21 and 22. However if anybody in the public have legally got any claim or objections on the said property kindly contact the below stated address within 7 days from this public notice.

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BIG VOID

Ziad Rahbani, enfant terrible of Lebanese stage and song, dies at 69

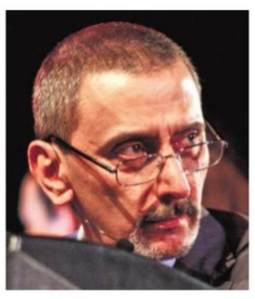
LEBANON

RENOWNED Lebanese musician and composer Ziad Rahbani, son of music icon Fairuz and pioneer of Oriental jazz, died on Saturday aged 69 after revolutionising Lebanese theatre and music.

"On Saturday at 9:00 am (0600 GMT), the heart of the great artist and creator Ziad Rahbani stopped beating," said a statement from the Beirut hospital where he was being treated.

He had long suffered from health problems.

Tributes poured in for the enfant terrible of Lebanese music -- a musician, composer and theatre producer who made a huge mark on generations of Lebanese with his theatre pieces and songs, which many know by heart. Rebellious and visionary, his work evoked Lebanon's civil war even before it erupted in 1975, later reflecting the eventual conflict itself and the harsh realities of economic crisis.



Ziad Rahbani

One of his most famous theatre pieces, the 1980 production "Film Ameriki Tawil" (The American Motion Picture), was a satirical depiction of Lebanon during the civil war, set in an asylum with characters who represented facets of society.

Ziad Rahbani was the son of Arab musical icon Fairuz, who turned 90 last year, and the late Lebanese composer Assi Rahbani who along with his brother Mansour modernised Arab music by blending Western, Russian and Latin American sounds with Eastern rhythms.

Already adored by older generations, Fairuz became a youth idol when her son began composing jazz-influenced songs for her, calling it "Oriental jazz".

While Fairuz transcended Lebanon's deep sectarian divides, her son was fiercely left-wing and secular, and spent his life decrying the divisions that ruined his country. *AFP*

Thailand, Cambodia trade barbs as border clashes enter third day

Displaced Cambodians receive water and food at the Battkhao Resettlement Camp in Oddar Meanchey Province in Cambodia on Saturday | AP

SURIN

THAILAND and Cambodia traded accusations Saturday of fresh attacks as deadly border clashes entered a third day, leaving at least 33 people dead and more than 168,000 displaced, as international pressure mounted on both sides to reach a ceasefire.

Artillery fire and gunshots were reported near several border villages, expanding the area of the fighting that flared again Thursday after a land mine explosion along the border wounded five Thai soldiers. Cambodian and Thai officials claimed to have acted in retaliation.

Both countries recalled their ambassadors and Thailand closed its northeastern border crossings with Cambodia.

Cambodian authorities reported on Saturday 12 new deaths, bringing its toll to 13, while Thai officials said a soldier was killed, raising the deaths to 20, mostly civilians.

The regional bloc, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, is under growing pressure to defuse the situation between its two members. During an emergency meeting on Friday, members of the U.N. Security Council called for de-escalation and urged ASEAN to mediate a peaceful solution.

The 800-kilometer (500-mile) frontier between Thailand and Cambodia has been disputed for decades, but past confrontations have been limited and brief. The current tensions broke out in May when a Cambodian soldier was killed after a diplomatic rift that roiled Thailand's politics. *AP*

AERIAL HITS

Four people killed in Russia and Ukraine

MOSCOW

RUSSIA and Ukraine traded aerial attacks overnight, resulting in two deaths in each country, according to officials.

Ukraine's southern Dnipro and northeastern Sumy regions came under combined rocket and drone attack, local officials reported. Head of the Dnipro regional administration Serhii Lysak said at least two people had died and five were wounded in the barrage.

In Dnipro, a multi-storey building was damaged during the strike. In Sumy, the military administration said three people were injured.

Kharkiv sustained an intense aerial bombardment overnight with local authorities reporting Ukraine's second-largest city was hit by four guided aerial bombs, two ballistic missiles and 15 drones over a three-hour period.

In a post on Telegram, Kharkiv mayor Ihor Terekhov said high-rise residential buildings, local businesses, roads and the communication network were damaged in the attack. He said at least five people were injured.

According to the daily air force report, in total Russia targeted Ukraine with 208 drones and 27 missiles overnight. In Russia, officials said that Ukrainian drones targeted multiple regions overnight. Drones also targeted Moscow, but were shot down. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Taiwan votes in closely-watched poll

Taipei: Taiwanese voters rejected a bid to oust about one-fifth of their lawmakers, all from the opposition Nationalist Party, in a recall election Saturday, dampening hopes for the ruling party to flip the balance of power. The independence-leaning ruling Democratic Progressive Party won last year's presidential election, but the China-friendly Nationalists, and the smaller Taiwan People's Party have enough seats for a majority.

Call for speedy EU integration model

Budapest: The Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said Saturday that the European Union was at risk of "falling apart", claiming that only a multi-speed integration model could save the bloc. The nationalist leader, known for wielding veto rights in the EU and criticising Brussels, made the remarks after delivering his yearly speech at a summer university in Baile Tusnad, a town in Romania's Transylvania region.

$500 bn in bilateral trade US-India trade pact could unlock, says economist Arvind Panagariya

No freeway for British luxury cars

Experts say even with lower duties, impact of FTA on domestic automakers will be minimal

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIA has granted limited access to UK-based carmakers under the FTA, offering major import duty cuts and large quotas for high-end vehicles in initial years. However, the concessions are restrictive for mainstream luxury cars, and UK carmakers will be barred from entering India's electric vehicle market for the first five years.

The duty cuts and quotas mainly apply to vehicles with large engine capacities (petrol above 3000 cc and diesel above 2500 cc) in initial years. These vehicles cost over ₹1 crore and constitute a negligible share of India's car market. Industry experts suggest even with lower duties and reduced prices, the impact on domestic automakers will remain minimal.

Saket Mehra, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat, said the FTA will make British luxury brands more accessible to Indian consumers, while maintaining protections for mass-market segment via price thresholds and origin rules. "A key provision is phased reduction of import duties on UK-built passenger vehicles- from over 100% to 10% - under a quota system. In FY24, India imported PV worth $78.3 million from the UK, a figure expected to rise under the new tariff regime," stated Mehra.

Saurabh Agarwal, Partner at EY India, said the FTA is designed with safeguards to protect domestic players. "The move could give a technological edge to Indian auto market, especially in high-end segment where imports continue to play a key role in bridging capability gaps," added Agarwal.

The FTA ensures the number of vehicles from ICE engines will be deducted by the number of EV vehicles getting concessions from 6th year onwards to maintain total quota volume of 37,000 units at the end of 15 years of duty concession. For cars priced below £40,000 (cost, insurance and freight), no market access is provided.

JLR, other UK brands to gain

Tata Motors' British subsidiary JLR, expected to benefit most from the FTA, said over time the trade pact will deliver reduced tariff access to the Indian car market for JLR's luxury vehicles.

Last fiscal, JLR emerged as the third-largest luxury carmaker in India by selling 6,183 units. Nearly 60% of the cars JLR sells in India, including popular models in Range Rover portfolio - Range Rover, Range Rover Sport, Velar and Evoque - are locally made in India via CKD (completely knocked down) route, attracting lower tax. The Defender is manufactured in Slovakia and thus falls outside FTA's scope. Currently, only a limited number of high-value SUV models are exported from the UK to India, and these will qualify for benefits under the FTA. Sunil Kalra, Partner at Forvis Mazars in India, said the FTA presents a major opportunity for British luxury carmakers like Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Aston Martin, and McLaren. "With potential tariff cuts on fully imported vehicles, these brands can become more price-competitive in India, a market that's fast maturing in luxury segment…For British luxury brands, India is no longer just aspirational, it's commercially viable," stated Kalra.

Demand for FTA likely from other trading partners

Industry experts believe other economies would seek similar treatment from India to gain better access to the world's third-largest car market. Currently, India's luxury car market accounts for less than 2% of the PV volume and is dominated by German brands such as Mercedes-Benz and BMW.

BALANCED APPROACH

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THESE VEHICLES COST OVER **₹1 CRORE** AND CONSTITUTE A NEGLIGIBLE SHARE OF INDIA'S CAR MARKET

FOR CARS PRICED BELOW £40,000 no market access is provided, ensuring complete protection for the mass-market EV segment

FTA ensures number of vehicles from ICE engines will be deducted by the number of EVs getting concessions from 6th year onwards to maintain total quota volume of **37,000 units** at the end of **15 years** of duty concession

SAURABH AGARWAL, PARTNER AND AUTOMOTIVE TAX LEADER AT EY INDIA, SAID THE FTA IS DESIGNED WITH SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT DOMESTIC PLAYERS

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NEWSCOPE

WHY A 'PRADA' TO ADD VALUE TO KOLHAPURIS?

GURBIR SINGH

WHEN the designer brand Prada SpA featured 'leather flat sandals' on the ramp at the Milan Fashion Week a month ago, Indians all over caught on they were being had. It was the modest 'Kolhapuri chappals' being plagiarized and they were rightly outraged. Prada did not acknowledge the cultural origins or the craftsmen who had made the 'Kolhapuris'a part of Maharashtra's daily wear; but what perhaps got the Indian goat was the pricing: A $5 slip-on tagged at $1,340 (₹1.16 lakh)! And the cheek, not a penny for the original designers of the unique toehold chappals?

The backlash was severe. Prada had underestimated our nationalistic troll army, which went to town against the brand appropriating Indian culture. Within days, Prada acknowledged the Indian roots of its new footwear line, and accepted it was inspired by 'traditional Indian footwear'.

But here's the rub. There are plenty upholding India's heritage. But why aren't there enough Indian entrepreneurs who can do what Prada did? Those who can design and brand 'kolhapuris' and other footwear and make them international products. Surely there is no rocket science about holding fashion shows andclever-marketing. The Kolhapuri is a 12th Century product. It has its innate strength. Why do you need a Prada to discover it?

Low-value leather

India has a huge leather industry. The domestic sector produces a whopping 3 billion square feet of leather annually and employs over 4.4 million people. India is the world's second largest exporter of leather garments, the third largest exporter of saddlery and harnesses and the fourth largest exporter of leather goods in the world.

Unfortunately, it is high volume, but low value we export. In FY2023, leather and leather products exports peaked at about $5.4 billion. This is peanuts considering the size and the manpower the industry employs. Over the next two years, exports fell 18-20 percent, mainly does to the disruption of the Eurozone by the Ukraine war.

The main problem is the minimal value addition. Most of the small sector units are 'mule' suppliers of basic leather for large producers abroad; or they manufacture shoe uppers for hundreds of Italian and American designer shoe brands. The dirty work is done by the tanneries in Kanpur and Tamil Nadu; the spoils are reaped by the Addidas' and Reeboks.

The problem with the industry is its small, fragmented character, and its inability to modernize production and cater to fast-changing consumer taste. Most of the small units are in UP's Kanpur, Agra and Saharanpur on the Ganga water system. In Tamil Nadu they are located in Chennai, Ambur, Ranipet and other hubs along the Palar river system. They generate huge waste, and are major pollutants. Lacking the resources to modernize, the industry faces civic action including forced relocation by municipal and environmental authorities.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

That the total market capitalisation of the top 8 listed Indian leather companies is only ₹1,487 crore shows how fractionalized the Indian leather industry is. Just one of them, Bhartiya International Ltd, accounts for a market cap of ₹1,142 crore. The rest are small entities.

Religious imagery

The protest against Prada is also a reminder of how clever business folk in the West have discovered great commercial potential in India's ancient history and culture – from the erotic sculptures of the Khajuraho temples to the imposing images of elephant Lord Ganesh and Goddess Kali.

But often the use of mythological and religious imagery is culturally insensitive, and even boorish. No wonder there have been protests in recent years against Ganesh toilet seats, Kali underwear, Krishna bathmats, Om flip flops, and countless other images that many Hindus find disrespectful or offensive. It has gotten so bad that the Hindu American Foundation (HAF) has actually brought out a handbook of 'Dos' and 'Don'ts'.

But why stop at protests. There are thousands of clever businessmen among the Indian diaspora. They know Indian culture and art forms; or they can get help to ensure religious and cultural imagery is artistically appropriate. Why leave these things to the firangi, when Indian businessmen can be the bridge between artisans and craftsmen at home and a lucrative 'culture' market abroad?

Regrettably, there has been little government intervention to modernize the leather units and add value to their products. Government bodies such as the Export Promotion Councils for Handicrafts or the Handloom and Handicrafts Export Corporation of India (HHEC) are an apology for generating business for artisans.

In fact things have moved the other way with thinly disguised communal campaigns against Kanpur's historic tannery industry. India's 'Leather City' that once boasted of over 600 tanneries are down to just 200 as most have been shut on environmental or other grounds.

The ban on beef trade in several states has also squeezed tanneries as supply of cattle hides is down to a trickle. A senior reporter who recently investigated the footwear industry in Kolhapur, told this writer that the traditional 'mochis' were forced to use buffalo hides for Kolhapuri chappals. This made the product hard and less comfortable.

It is good our troll armies have taught Prada and their ilk a lesson. But we also need our own Sabhyasachi Mukherjees, Ritu Kumars, Tarun Tahilianis and Anita Dongres to design, build and promote Kolhapuri chappals and other leatherwear before Prada and Armani gets hold of them.

FTA allows India to hike tariff if UK imports surge

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE recently signed free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the UK has safeguard measures, which allow India to temporarily increase tariffs or suspend existing tariff concessions on certain goods if a significant surge in imports from the UK threatens or causes serious injury to local industries, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

This mechanism is a key component of India's cautious approach to trade liberalisation, ensuring that the opening of markets does not unduly harm domestic producers. It provides a safety net against unforeseen import surges that could destabilise sensitive sectors, says an official.

The trigger for invoking these safeguards is defined in the trade agreement -- a rise in the absolute quantities of an originating good from the UK, or an increase relative to domestic production, directly resulting from the FTA's tariff concessions, and subsequently causing or threatening serious injury to a domestic industry.

Under these measures, India has the authority to either suspend further duty reductions or even increase duties.

However, there are limitations to taking such actions. The increased duty can't exceed the lesser of the current most favoured nation (MFN) applied rate or the pre-agreement MFN applied rate. This ensures while protection is provided, it remains within reasonable bounds.

The duration of such safeguard measures is initially set at up to two years. This period can be extended for an additional two years, bringing maximum duration to four years, provided a thorough investigation determines that the safeguard remains necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and to facilitate the domestic industry's adjustment.

The right to apply these bilateral safeguard measures extends for a significant "transition period" of 14 years after tariff elimination on respective goods. This long applicability period offers sustained protection as industries adapt to the new competitive landscape.

The commerce ministry has clarified that a provision addressing potential retaliatory actions is included. If a bilateral safeguard measure is applied for a period of up to two years, neither party has the right to retaliate. However, should the measure be extended beyond two years, up to the four-year maximum, then both parties gain the right to take proportionate retaliatory action. Once a bilateral safeguard measure expires, the customs duty on affected good automatically reverts to the rate that would have applied under the agreement's tariff schedule, as if the safeguard had never been imposed. This ensures a return to the agreed-upon trade terms post-protection.

Furthermore, in critical or emergency situations, India can implement provisional safeguard measures to prevent irreparable harm to domestic industries. These provisional measures can be imposed for up to 200 days based on preliminary evidence, but they must be followed by a full investig tion to validate their necessity.

Safeguard mechanism

Safeguard is a key component of India's cautious approach to FTA, ensuring the opening of markets doesn't unduly harm domestic producers. It provides a safety net against unforeseen import surges.

Maintaining sustained growth top priority: FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MAINTAINING sustained growth is the top priority amid global uncertainties, and an incremental rise in public capital expenditure is one of the drivers for economic development, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

The statement assumes significance as the economy grew by 6.5% in FY25. This growth was slowest in four years, as against a 9.2% expansion in FY24. The Economic Survey projected GDP growth for FY26 between 6.3% and 6.8%, while RBI lowered its growth forecast to 6.5 %.

Kotak Bank profit falls on provisions for NPAs

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

KOTAK Mahindra Bank on Saturday reported a 7% decline in net income for the June quarter at ₹3,282 crore, weighed down by a more than doubling of provisions for bad loans. The bank said it will be cautious on retail commercial vehicles and SME lendings. The lender resumed microfinance lending following a period of high stress.

Acknowledging the growing stress in the retail CV portfolio — which comes after a long red period in its MFI portfolio, outgoing deputy managing director Shanti Ekambaram told reporters on Saturday that CV sector closely tied to logistics and infrastructure is now reflecting the impact of a broader economic slowdown.

"There has been some stress on retail CV segment and we are monitoring it very closely though this has been a good business with healthy return on equity. Though we continue to disburse, we already had tightened our stance last quarter,"she added. Ekambaram attributed the rising delinquencies in retail commercial loans book to the macroeconomic backdrop. "It's the slowing macro now playing out in the micro," she said, adding the bank would continue to dynamically manage exposure.

She also admitted that there is stress in the SME book. Though the bank reported growth in this book, particularly in mid-market and reclassified corporate lending segments, Ekambaram said SME remains an important customer base, but lending decisions are being taken more cautiously in light of current conditions. "Growth in corporate book has been driven by SME and mid-market services. We are reclassifying some parts of the book and serving these customers better, but we are also watching trends closely," she said.

Business & Beyond

Bank of Baroda Q1 net profit rises 1.9% YoY to ₹4,541 crore

State-owned lender Bank of Baroda on July 25 reported a 1.9% year-on-year increase in net profit at ₹4,541 crore during the June quarter. However, on sequential basis, the net profit fell by 10%. In April-June quarter, total interest income of the bank rose 4.9% YoY to ₹31,091 crore, from ₹29,629 crore in a year ago period. The total non-interest income grew 88% YoY to ₹4,675 crore in Q1FY26 from ₹2,487 crore a year ago. The bank said the sharp rise in non-interest income is due to higher treasury income in the quarter. In the reporting quarter, net interest margins fell to 2.91% as on June 30, 2025, as compared to 2.98% as of March 31, 2025, and 3.18% as of June 30, 2024, as per investor presentation of bank.

Bank Nationalisation Day: BOIOA Mumbai-Goa unit organises health check-up camp

The Bank of India Officers' Association, Mumbai & Goa unit, organised a Health Check-up Camp on July 17, 2025, to commemorate the 57th anniversary of Bank Nationalization. This initiative aimed to prioritise health and well-being of bank staff, reflecting the association's commitment to welfare of its members. The camp was inaugurated by BOI MD & CEO, Rajneesh Karnatak, along with executive directors Rajeev Mishra, Subrat Kumar, FBOIOA General Secretary Nilesh Pawar, CVO V K Gupta, Mumbai Goa unit President Anton Saldanha, CGM HR Rajesh Ingle, CVO V K Gupta, and other senior executives. In collaboration with Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, the camp offered medical consultations and health examinations, including Audiometry, Fibroscan, Bone Mineral densitometry, Body composition analysis, ENT, Diabetic Neuropathy, Uroflowmetry, Doctor consultation, etc.

UCO Bank net profit rises 10% YoY to ₹607 crore, NII increases 7%

UCO Bank has reported a 10% year-on-year increase in net profit for the first quarter of FY26 to ₹607 crore, compared to ₹551 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. It reported a rise of nearly 7% in its net interest income (NII) for the first quarter of FY26, reaching ₹2,403 crore compared to ₹2,254 crore in the corresponding period last year. NII represents the gap between the interest earned and the interest paid out. On the asset quality front, UCO Bank showed a slight improvement as its Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) dropped to 2.63$ from 2.69% in the prior quarter. This decline signals enhanced management of stressed assets, highlighting the effectiveness of the bank's risk control measures. Moreover, the net non-performing assets (NNPA) ratio also improved to 0.45% from 0.50%, pointing to a strengthening in the overall financial health of the bank.

AM/NS India inaugurates Digital Skill Centre in Barbil

Barbil: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) inaugurated a Digital Skill Centre in Barbil, Keonjhar as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative Project 'Daksh'. The Digital Skill Centre, setup in collaboration with NASSCOM Foundation, aims to enhance employability of local youth. The centre aims to equip local youth with crucial digital skills in business process management (BPM) roles such as data entry operator and domestic IT Helpdesk attendant, opening new avenues of livelihood for local youth. Over the course of 200–225 hours, participants will receive training in domain-specific skills and soft skills, along with exposure to real-world work environments and industry mentorship.

Odisha Guv lauded NALCO for its role in industrial growth

Bhubaneswar: Dr. Hari BabuKambhampati, Governor of Odisha, visited the corporate office of National Aluminium Company (NALCO) in Bhubaneswar. During the visit, Dr. Kambhampati planted a sapling under the 'EkPedMaaKeNaam' initiative underscoring importance of environmental sustainability and green development. Brijendra Pratap Singh, chairman-cum-MD, NALCO, directors and senior officials, extended a welcome to the Governor. During the visit, Dr. Kambhampati held discussions with NALCO leadership team. He lauded NALCO for its role as only Central Public Sector Enterprise headquartered in Odisha and its contribution to driving the state's industrial growth.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-auction Sale notice for sale of immovable property on 30-08-2025

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **30-08-2025** for recovery of of Rs.1,02,33,371/- (Rupees One core Two Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-one only) as on 22-07-2025 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Nagendra S S. S/o Sri. Suri Bhat S.K** Flat No. B-004, Block 'B', Ground Floor, "Lotus Palace" Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru – 560 035. The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:

Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Time & date of e-Auction	Last date submission of EMD along with KYC documents
RS. 69,75,000/-	Rs. 6,97,500/-	50,000/-	10:00 am to 04.00 pm on 30.08.2025	29-08-2025

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2025-26/107
Description of property
(Title deed holder: Shri. Nagendra S S. S/o Sri. Suri Bhat S.K)

SCHEDULE "A"

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted Land bearing Sy. No. 1/3,1/4 &1/5 having BBMP Katha No. 4047 situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 103. Admeasuring 1 (one) acre 36 (thirty-six) Guntas. **Bounded by: East:** Road; **West:** Private Property; **North:** Sri. Munireddy Shyamanna Reddy Marappa's property; **South:** Private Property.

SCHEDULE "B" above referred to (Property conveyed under this Deed)

An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property i.e., equivalent to 510.38 Sq.ft.

SCHEDULE "C" above referred to (Property conveyed under this Deed)

Two Bed room residential vitrified flooring apartment bearing Flat No. B-004 in Block 'B' constructed corresponding to schedule 'B' property having a super built up area of 1288 sq. ft on the Ground Floor, along one covered Car Parking space in the basement in project known as "LOTUS PALACE" being constructed on the Schedule 'A' property, standing in the name of Sri. Nagendra S.S. S/o S.K. Suri Bhat.

Statutory 30 Days Sale Notice Under "Sarfaesi" Act, 2002, The Borrowers/Mortgagors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., **1) https://baanknet.com, 2) www.sbi.co.in For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent : Mr. Chandrashekar, Mob :70222 52004. To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.**

Date: 22-07-2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
SARB, Bangalore

RELIGARE FINVEST LTD

CIN:U74999DL1995PLC064132

Regd. Office : 1407, 14th Floor, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019
Corporate office : 7th Floor, Max House, Block A, Dr.Jha Marg, Okhla Phase III, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi - 110 020
BRANCH OFFICE: No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- Karnataka-560038.

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6) & proviso to Rule 9(1)]

AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisos to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Religare Finvest Limited,** Secured Creditor, **will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.09.2025 for recovery of** ₹ **1,73,65,616.16** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and Sixteen Paise Only) for account **XMORKRM00064883 as of 24.07.2025** along with up to date, interest, costs and charges due to the RFL from the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) namely, **1)M/s.Maruthi Enterprises through its proprietor 2)Mrs.Swetha Devaraj M and 3)Mr.Devaraju M.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Survey No.74/3, **Thanisandara Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore** Karnataka Presently comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded as follows, East by: Thayappa's Property, West by: BachannaNavaraMuniyappa's Property, North by: Ramesh Property, South by: Muniraja Property, measuring totally **4 ¼ Guntas.**

The Reserve Price will be ₹ **2,07,51,917/-**
and the **Earnest Money Deposit** will be ₹ **20,75,191/-**

Date, Time and Place of Auction: 05.09.2025
From 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m
at **Religare Finvest Limited,** No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru-560038

Known Encumbrances

RFL is not aware of any encumbrances on the secured asset to be sold. Interested parties should make their own assessment of the secured asset to their satisfaction. Secured Creditor (RFL) does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid secured asset.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on Secured Creditor's website i.e., **www.religarefinvest.com**

For any other information, please contact **Mr.Ansar B.S.** on his Mobile No. **89290 24427** or contact him at his **E-mail id: ansar.s@religare.com,** and **Mr.A.Wilson** Mobile No.**93110 56699** or contact him at his **E-mail id: a.wilson@religare.com**

Date : 25.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
M/s.Religare Finvest Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients, Sri. Vijay G.B., has negotiated with Smt. INDUMATHI. N, W/o Sri Venkataswamappa. K, Aged about 73 years, Residing at No. 68, 11th Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, BANGALORE-560 029., to purchase the Vacant Site bearing NO. 15 (Fifteen) Of Village Panchayath Katha No.25/15, PID NO.150200302403925244, in the layout comprised in converted Survey No. 112/5 in all extent of 02 Acres 12 Guntas, of AJJANAHALLI VILLAGE, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, known as "SLN CITY", measuring East to West: 12.00 Mtrs., and North to South: 9.00 Mtrs., in all measuring 108 Square Meters, and bounded on the:-
East by: Road
West by: Site No. 20
North by: Site No. 14
South by: Site No. 16,
With all appurtenances and easements.
Any person/s having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may file their written objections to undersigned within Seven days from the date of publication of the notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and we will proceed with the purchase of the said Property.

S/d- SHARATH S. GOGI, Advocate
Gogi and Gogi, Advocates
Off: No.502, 4th Cross, 3rd Block,
RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094
Mobile- 9886070832

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients, Sri. Vijay Kumar S.A., has negotiated with Sri. Sumanth Sudheer S/o Sudheer represented by his father and Attorney Sri. Sudheer Parshurama Rao, **both residing at No. 705, Virama, 1st Block, BSK VI stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Post, Bangalore-560098**, to purchase the Vacant Site bearing No.16 of village panchayath Katha No.22/16, PID No.150200302403924590, in the layout comprised in converted Survey No. 112/5 in all extent of 02 Acres 12 Guntas, of Ajjanahalli village, TavarakereHobli, Bangaluru South Taluk, known as "SLN CITY", Measuring East to West:12.00 Mtrs., and North to south: 9.00 Mtrs., in all measuring 108 Square Meters, and bounded on the:-
EAST BY : Road
WEST BY : Site No. 19
NORTH BY : Site No. 15
SOUTH BY : Site No. 17,
With all appurtenances and easements.
Any person/s having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may file their written objections to undersigned within Seven days from the date of publication of the notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and we will proceed with the purchase of the said Property.

S/d- SHARATH S. GOGI, Advocate
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Off: No.502, 4th Cross, 3rd Block,
RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Present Owner of the Schedule Property, Sri.Srinivasamurthy B.D has lost the Original Sale Deed dt.13.03.1978 registered as Document No.4275/77-78, Volume 569, Pages 41 to 43, Book-I. No. executed by Smt. Leelavathi in favour of Smt. Lakshmamma.

Now, Sri. Srinivasamurthy B.D is the present owner planning to sell the schedule property. If any person coming across the above mentioned Original Sale deed, shall immediately handover the same to the undersigned. If any person, who has/have claim on the schedule property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal No.5/4 (Old No.101), E PID No.2772626627, situated at 5th Cross, Bapuji Nagar, Bangalore, presently under BBMP Limits, Ward No.134, measuring East to West: 20 Feet, North to South: 45 Feet, totally measuring 900 Square feet along with the building and bounded by; East by : Land in Sy.No.104, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Property No.102

GOWRI PRADEEP, ADVOCATE
69, Shree Nilaya, 8th Main, S.K.Layout,
Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056.
Ph.No. 9886814698, 8147294698

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex,
Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Regional office west** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **18.08.2025 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM,** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

E-AUCTION DATE: 18.08.2025

Borrower(s): 1. Mr Mageswara S S/o Mr Santhanraj, Old No 1303, New No 36,3rd Floor, N D Mansion, 6th Cross, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-560 021. **1a.Mr Mageswara S** S/o Mr Santhanraj, Flat No B-36-004 (Ground Floor), Block B-36, Stage 2, "Alur BDA Flats", Alur Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru-562123.

Total liabilities: Rs 15,92,472.80 (Rupees Fifteen lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Two Rupees and Eighty paise only) as on 23.07.2025 and interest and other charges thereon from 24.07.2025.

Reserve Price: Rs.9,96,000 /-. EMD: Rs.99,600/-. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **16.08.2025 before 4.00 pm.**

Description of the immovable/ movable assets: SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential 1 BHK flat in BDA property of Alur Village, Sy No 113 and the total land measuring of 64 houses (including building) in Block No 35 and 36 measuring East to West 59.20 mtrs, North to South 17.50 mtrs and the property is bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by: BDA Property/Road, North by: Road, South by : Passage.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: Undivided share, right , title interest and ownership in the Schedule A property is 33.526 Sq Mtrs, total built up area and the total land measuring 1036 Sq mtrs will be shared by all 64 House Owners.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential 1 BHK Flat constructed in Schedule A Property under Stage 2, Type 2, B -36 Block, Ground Floor, Flat No B-36-004 "Alur BDA Flats", Alur Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk 562123 measuring 33.526 Sq mtrs and the property together with proportionate share and right to use in the common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and boundary on : East by: House No B36/005, West by: House No B36/003, North by: Passage, South by: House No B36/001.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail id **roblrwrec@canarabank.com, cb10434@canarabank.com** Mob No.7411509379/9449860031/9063837573), OR the service provider **BAANKNET https://baanknet.com/ (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd)** Contact No. 7044612345/6354910172/8291220220/9892219848/8160205051) Bangalore, E-mail: **Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com** may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

Date : 26.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGING TECHNOLOGY (C-DIT)
Thiruvallam, Thiruvananthapuram-27
Ph: 0471-2380910/912/895

TENDER NOTICE

C-DIT invites e tender for "Providing CAMC for Bookeye Scanner 12 numbers" Last date: **04.08.2025, 03.00 PM**
Tender id 2025_CDIT_779353_1
For details visit www.cdit.org

26.07.2025 **Registrar, C-DIT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that my client Sri. Amit D. Jain S/o. Late Sri. Dhanraj Jain, aged about 49 years, presently Residing at No.T2, Adinath Residency, Balvanki Colony, Kusugal Road, Keshwapur, Hubli-580023, my client while travelling from Hubli to Bangalore by train on 02/05/2025 to 03/05/2025, my client has lost the original Sale Agreement Dated 10/11/2009, Registered vide Document No.KCH-1-01591-2009-10, Stored in CD No.KCHD 32, Registered on 10/11/2009 before the Kacharkanahalli Sub Registrar, Bangalore and other relevant documents pertaining to aforesaid sale Agreement dated 10/11/2009 which were kept in a cover with him on 03/05/2025 at Majestic Railway station. Further my client has also filed compliant under the E-lost report vide No. 1720733/2025, Dated 25/07/2025, through the official website of Department of Police, Karnataka and hence we are appealing to the General Public that if anybody found the aforesaid lost documents; they can either call me or deliver those documents at to me at my office:

S. TEJUS, Advocate
No. 14, FF002, Prerana Complex,
Nagappa Street, Seshadripuram,
Bangalore-560020. (M) 9448108852

PUBLIC NOTICE

"This is to inform the general public that **"Mrs. Kavitha Bothra, W/o. Mr, Yeshwanth Bothra,** aged about 51 years, residing at No.161, Sarjapura Main Road, Koramangala 1st Block, Bangalore South – 560034 is the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule C and D Property mentioned below and had approached M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, having head office at Plot C-27, BKC, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and branch office at MG Road, Bangalore - 560001 for sanction of credit facilities against security of Schedule C and D Property. Any person, statutory authorities etc., having right, title, claim and interest over the Schedule C and D Property shall raise their objections with material documents to the address mentioned below **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice. Any claim after the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property being land comprised in Sy. Nos.19 and 20 of Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 9 Acres 06 guntas earlier bearing Khatha Nos.549/19/1 to 581/19/33 and Khatha Nos.583/20/1 to 589/20/7 and 582/20/8, Bellandur Village Panchayat and subsequently bearing combined Khatha Nos. 536/19 and 20 in form No.12 and Rule 35 assigned by Bellandur Village Panchayat and bounded by: **East by:** Partly remaining land in Sy. No.19 belonging to Dreamy Apparels Private Ltd, and partly property belonging to ALT College, **West by :** Partly Haralur Road and partly and Vendors remaining contiguous land, **North by :** Partly by Sarjapura Main Road and partly by Vendors remaining contiguous land,**South by :** Partly Ambalipura Gramantana and partly Sy. No.21 of Ambalipura Village.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

ITEM NO. 1 PHASE ORCHID

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Khatha No.536/19-20 issued by Bellandur Gram Panchayat and carved out of the converted lands being part of Sy. Nos.19 and 20 at Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in all measuring an extent 91628 Sq. feet being part of the whole extent of land measuring 370184 Sq. feet and bounded as follows: **East by :** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Spring fields Phase I, **South by :** Private Property.

ITEM NO. 2 CLUB HOUSE

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Khatha No.536/19-20 issued by Bellandur Gram Panchayat and carved out of the converted lands being part of Sy. Nos.19 and 20 at Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in all measuring an extent 28390 Sq. feet being part of the 9 Acres 6 guntas of land and bounded by: **East by :** Partly remaining land in Sy. No.19 belonging to Dreamy Apparels Private Ltd, and partly property belonging to ALT College, **West by :** Remaining portion of the project Springfields, **North by :** Phase I of Project Springfields described in Item No.1 above, **South by :** Remaining portion of the project Springfields.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY

357 Sq. feet of the undivided share, right, title and interest, only in Item No.1 of Schedule B property and 27 Sq. feet undivided share, right and interest in the Club House detailed in Item No.2 of Schedule B property.

SCHEDULE D PROPERTY

A Two Bedroom residential apartment bearing No. F – 803 measuring 1140 Sq. feet of Super Built up area in the Eight Floor of the 'ORCHID' Block building known as 'SPRINGFIELDS' constructed on the Item No.1 of Schedule B Property, together with the proportionate share in common areas with One Car Parking area in the Basement.

The apartment has RCC roof structure, the walls are solid hollow blocks, vitrified/ceramic tile flooring, one side teak wood main door and other doors commercial ply flush doors with Malaysian sal door frame with the Aluminum window frames.

Mariappa. M.S, B.A.L., LLB, ADVOCATE
Chambers:Mariappa M S & Associates
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BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s & Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "**As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13.08.2025,** for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under –

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s	Outstanding dues as on 24.07.2025	Short description of immovable property / Possession Type / Encumbrances known to the bank	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit
1.	**Branch: Shivajinagar (M9594544454, 9993113956)** **Borrower: (1) Mr. Harijan Channabasappa,** No.103, Near Maragamma Devi Temple,Mandal Inganal Hunasagi,Mudilingnhal, Yadgir, Karnataka-585 237 Also at No.39/5, Kanakpura Main Road,Gowardhana Garden, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560 062, **Also At** Flat No.010, Ground Floor, Magan Silver Hill, Sneha Colony,1st Main Road, Chikkakallasandra, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560 061 **(2) Mrs. Hanamanthi W/o Mr. Harijan Channabasappa,** No.103, Near Maragamma Devi Temple,Mandal Inganal Hunasagi,Mudilingnhal, Yadgir, Karnataka-585237 Also At No.39/5, Kanakpura Main Road,Gowardhana Garden, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560 062, Also at Flat No.010, Ground Floor, Magan Silver Hill, Sneha Colony, 1st Main Road, Chikkakallasandra, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560 061.	**Rs.31,94,748.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Only) plus further interest w.e.f. 25.07.2025 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.**	Eq. Mortgage of 1BHK Residential Flat bearing No.010 in Ground Floor of the multi-storied residential Apartment Building known as "MAGAN SILVER HILL" admeasuring built up area 690 sq. ft. constructed on the land bearing Site No.6 to 36 carved out of Survey No.80 with one car parking in the basement along with undivided share of the land admeasuring area 188 sq. ft. lying and situated at Chikkakallasandra, 1st Main Road, Sneha Colony, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560 061 and the flat is butted and bounded as follows-On or towards East : By Lift case. On or towards West : By flat of Smt.Priya Bhagath. On or towards North : By Open Area and compound Wall. On or towards South : By Common Area. / **Physical Possession** / **NIL**	**Rs.29.42 Lakh** / 10% of Reserve Price
2.	**Branch: Mid Corporate (M-9594544454, 9993113956)** **Borrower/s: M/s. Genie Villers, Prop.** Mr. Mithun Amaravathi, S/o Mr. Raju Amaravathi, At No. 25/1-5, Ground Floor Part 1 & Part 2, Marenahalli Palya, 19th Main, 9th Cross, J P Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560 078, Also at No.10, 13A Cross, J P Nagar, 1st Phase, Sarakki Gate, Bengaluru-560078 **Guarantor/s: Mrs. Khushboo Singh,** W/o Mr. Mithun Amaravathi, At No.10, 13A cross, J P Nagar First Phase, Sarakki Gate, Bengaluru-560078	**Rs.5,14,14,453.00 (Rupees Five Crore Fourteen Lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Three only) plus further interest w.e.f. 25.07.2025 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.**	All that piece and parcel of 3BHK residential Unit Belmore Avenue 14 (Villa bearing No.14) on Ground & 1st Floor of the Building known as "CASTLETON GREENS" admeasuring built up area 2258 sq. ft. constructed on the land bearing Sy. No.69, Sy. No.73, Sy. No.74 & Sy. No.76 lying and situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli Bangalore-560102 and the Unit is butted and bounded as under- On or towards East : By Villa No.3. On or towards West : By Road. On or towards North : By Villa No.15. On or towards South : By Villa No.13. / **Symbolic Possession** / **NIL**	**Rs.97.20 Lakh** / 10% of Reserve Price
			All that piece and parcel of 3BHK residential Unit Canberra Avenue 27 (Villa No.27) Ground and First Floor of the Building known as "CASTLETON GREENS" admeasuring built up area 2457 sq. ft. constructed on the land bearing Sy. No.69, Sy. No.73, Sy. No.74 & Sy.No.76 lying and situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli Bangalore-560102 and the Unit is butted and bounded as under-On or towards East : By Villa No.26. On or towards West : By Road. On or towards North : By Villa No.28. On or towards South : By Road. / **Symbolic Possession** / **NIL**	**Rs.105.84Lakh** / 10% of Reserve Price
3.	**Kormangala Branch (Mob-9916282452)** **Borrower: Smt. Amruta A Naralikar,** D/o Mr. Anand, #1459, Ground Floor, 23rd Main, BSK II Stage, Near Rayar Kirana, Bangalore-560070, Also at House No.1266, Indira Niwas, Ramlingkhind Galli, Belgaum, Karnataka -590001. Also at No.18/1, Pillaganahalli, War No.194, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560083	**Rs.38,35,610.00 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Ten only) plus further interest w.e.f. 25.07.2025 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.**	All that pieces and parcels of residential property bearing BBMP Katha No.18/1 admeasuring area 1216 sq. ft. (East to West 38 feet and North to South 32 feet) together with construction of 800 sq. ft. thereon lying and situated at Pillaganahalli, Gottigere Ward No.194, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore and the Site is butted and bounded as follows- On or towards the North : By Vacant Site. On or towards the South : By Road. On or towards the East : By Road. On or towards the West : By Private Property. / **Symbolic Possession** / **NIL**	**Rs.42.90 Lakh** / 10% of Reserve Price
4.	**Branch: Jayanagar (M-9594544454, 9993113956)** **Borrower: Mr. Khaled Hussain,** Flat No.C-408, C Block, DS Max Sprinkles, Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560 035 **Guarantor: Mrs. C Lakshmi,** 506, 1st Cross, 9th Main, Hospalya Main Road, ITI Layout, HSR 7th Sector, Bangalore-560 068	**Rs.48,89,044.00 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Forty Four only) plus further interest w.e.f. 25.07.2025 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.**	All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No.408 on 4th Floor of C Block in multi-storied residential Apartment known as "DS Max Sprinkles" admeasuring super built up area 1347 sq. ft. constructed on the land bearing Sy. No.188 with one car parking along with undivided share of the land admeasuring area 358 sq. ft. lying and situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru -560 035 and the apartment property is butted and bounded as under-On or towards North : By Property Sy. No. 193. On or towards South : By 40ft road & Sy. No. 79 land property. On or towards East : By Property Sy. No. 187. On or towards West : By Property Sy No.189. / **Symbolic Possession** / **NIL**	**Rs.45.32 Lakh** / 10% of Reserve Price
5.	**Branch: J P Nagar (M-9594544454, 9993113956)** **Borrower/s: Mr. Leelaraj P,** Prop. of M/s. Leelaraj Enterprises, No.897/B, 80 ft. Road, 6th Block, Kormangala, Bangalore-560047, Also at No.827/7, 6th D Cross, 3rd Main, Prakash Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560021, Also at No.276/A, 5th Main Road, 5th Cross, GKW Layout, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058. **Guarantor/s: Mr. Sanjay K,** At No.14 & 15, Khatha No.36/1, Beereshwara Nagar, Chunchagatta, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560078. Also at No.173, 8th Cross, DRTC, m Royan Road, Bhakashi Garden, Chickpet, Bangalore-560053.	**Rs.67,05,511.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Five Thousand Five Hundred Eleven only) plus further interest w.e.f. 25.07.2025 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.**	All that piece and parcels of residential property bearing site No.14 & 15, Khatha No.36/1, admeasuring area 850 sq. ft. (North to South 17 ft. & East to West 50 ft.) with construction (Ground Floor) thereon admeasuring built up area 575.87 sq. ft. lying and situated at Beereshwara Nagara, Chunchagatta, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560 078 and the project is butted and bounded as under- On or towards the North : By Road. On or towards the South : By Property belongs to Mr. Mohan Kumar. On or towards the East : By Property bearing No.16. On or towards the West : By Property bearing No.13. / **Symbolic Possession** / **NIL**	**Rs.78.09 Lakh** / 10% of Reserve Price

(1) Date of E-Auction & Time: 13/08/2025 between 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
(2) Property Inspection Date & Time: 05/08/2025 to 12/08/2025 with prior appointment. (except holidays).
(3) Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 13/08/2025 upto 5.00 pm.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in website of Bank of Maharashtra i.e. **"https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale"** & **"https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/x-login".**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 25.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Bank of Maharashtra, Bangalore Zone

MAHAVITARAN
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

e-Bidding Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) is inviting bids for setting up 2000 MW/4000 MWh Battery Energy Storage Systems in Maharashtra under tariff based Global competitive Bidding on e-Bidding portal (website htttps://www.bharat-electronic tender.com) as per the guidelines issued by Government of India to mitigate Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO). The Schedule of bid process is as follows:-

Particulars	Date	Time
Availability of bid document on portal	25.07.2025	22.00 Hrs
Pre-bid meeting	18.08.2025	15.00 Hrs
Last date for submission of Technical & Financial bids	15.09.2025	17.00 Hrs

For more details of Notice for Invitation of Tender (NIT), please visit to htttps://www.bharat-electronictender.com or www.mahadiscom.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Renewable Energy)
MSEDCL, Prakashgad, Mumbai.
Tel: 022-69852200

HO PR NO 156/25* *dt.03.07.2025

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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D &E)	(F&G)
Sl No	**Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/**	**Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)***	**Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)**	**Date of Auction and Time ---------------- Type of Possession**	**Reserve Price (Rs.) --------------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)**
1	**1) Mrs. Vaijayanthi M** Wife of Mr. Hariprakash Kandasamy (Borrower) [since deceased], **2) Master H V Sanjith Ukhan** Son of Mr. Hariprakash Kandasamy (Borrower) [since deceased] Represented by Natural Guardian Mrs. Vaijayanthi M. **3) Mrs. K Selvakumari** Mother of Mr. Hariprakash Kandasamy (Borrower) [since deceased]. **4) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Hariprakash Kandasamy (Borrower) [since deceased]** Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Hariprakash Kandasamy. **Mr. Kandasamy Krishnasamy (Power of Attorney)**	**Loan A/c No. 608932648 Rs.8,82,649/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Nine Only) as on 28.02.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of the Residentially Converted land bearing **Sy.No.20/3,** presently bearing Bruhat Barngalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.605, (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 10/12/2008 bearing No.B.Dis.ALN:SR:258/2007-08, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), measuring 16 Guntas, situated at Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as; **East by :** Satish Reddy's Property; **West by :** Private Property; **North by :** Private Property belonging to A. Venkata Reddy, **South by :** PWD Govt Road. **Schedule B: 394 Sq.feet** undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above. **Schedule C:** Flat bearing **No.303,** in the **Third Floor,** measuring **1127 Sq.Feet** super built up area, containing Two Bed Rooms, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, together with **One Covered Car Parking Space,** including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase and lifts, in the proposed multistoried residential building constructed over Schedule A' Property known as **"S.L.V.GALAXY".**	**03.09.2025 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM** ---------------- **Physical**	**Rs.47,00,000/- [RupeesForty Seven Lakhs Only]** .... **Rs.4,70,000/- [Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only]**

1. Inspection Date & Time: 22.08.2025 and 29.08.2025 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 40,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 01.09.2025 (Before 5.00 PM)
***with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.**
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date : 27.07.2025
Place: Bangalore

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

'Xavi application not authentic'

A day after its top official claimed that World Cup-winning Spanish great Xavi Hernandez was among the applicants for India football coach's position, the All India Football Federation said that the e-mail received in his name was found to be "not genuine" and three others have been short-listed for the job.

Humpy and Divya settle for a draw after early fireworks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE first of the two round women's chess World Cup final finished in a draw but not before Divya Deshmukh gave it a good go right from the opening. She had multiple chances but some miscalculations let her down.

After the eval bar brought it back to level pegging, both players played precise moves to ensure they go into Sunday's second round with all to play for. Classical chess finals are generally cat and mouse affairs. The opening prep is such that both players tend to cancel each other so you wait till the middlegame to see if any of the lines has the potential to get sharp.

This is especially true in a final played over two rounds. Caution tends to be the buzzword in the first round of that final. Be tight, don't overextend and keep the back door shut. However, nobody said this to the two Indians. In a Queen's Gambit Accepted (1. d4 d5, 2. c4 dxc4), the play is more unstructured, it's freer and development is that much quicker.

As soon as dxc4 was on the board, the lines had the potential to become fairly sharp. A combination of a multi-pronged attack as well an inaccuracy from black (10. Nd6) gave the Nagpur teen, an IM with only one GM norm, oxygen from the opening. The eval bar jumped to +1.3 as a well developed knight and bishop were threatening to come up with a coordinated attack. However, minutes later, Deshmukh's inexperience at this level told as she blundered her knight when under no trouble. But because her attack was menacing, she still had the upper hand. Humpy was also feeling the nerves as she handed back the advantage with 13. Kf8. After that, both sides settled into a more prosaic rhythm before signing truce with a threefold repetition.

HOW THE GAME WAS PLAYED

White: Divya Deshmukh

Black: Koneru Humpy

Opening: Queen's Gambit Accepted

Final continues on Sunday with pieces being reversed

1. d4 d5	21 Qe7+ Kg8
2. c4 dxc4	22 Qxa7 Rh6
3 e4 e5	23 h4 Rg6
4 Nf3 Bb4+	24 g3 Qf3
5 Nc3 Nf6	25 Re3 Qd1+
6 Nxe5 b5	26 Kg2 Qd5+
7 Be2 Bb7	27 Kg1 Qd1+
8 O-O Bxc3	28 Kg2 Qd5+
9 bxc3 Nxe4	29 Kg1 Qd1+
10 Ba3 Nd6	30 Kh2 Rf6
11 Bf3 Qc8	31 Rb2 Qf1
12 Nxc4 bxc4	32 Ree2 Rc5
13 Re1+ Kf8	33 Qa8+ Kh7
14 Bxb7 Qxb7	34 f4 d5
15 Qe2 Nc6	35 Re8 Rb5
16 d5 h5	36 Rh8+ Kg6
17 Rab1 Qa6	37 Rxb5 Qf2+
18 Bxd6+ cxd6	38 Kh3 Qf1+
19 dxc6 Qxc6	39 Kh2 Qf2+
20 Rb4 Rc8	40 Kh3 Qf1+
	41 Kh2 Qf2+

Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh in action on Saturday | ANNA SHTOURMAN (FIDE)

EXPRESS READ

Spain vs England set up fascinating final

BASEL (SWITZERLAND): A title game between defending champion England and World Cup winner Spain is the Women's European Championship final that many wanted. Spain has mostly cruised through its five games except for a scare in a tense semifinal against Germany. England has trailed for long periods of three games and survived being on the brink of elimination in both knockout games.

Sathiyan-Akash duo wins men's title

LAGOS: India's Sathiyan Gnanasekaran and Akash Pal won the men's doubles title beating French pair of Leo De Nodrest and Julles Rolland (11-9, 11-4, 11-9) at the WTT Contender event on Saturday. However, ace woman paddler Sreeja Akula went down 1-4 to Honoka Hashimoto.

Malaysia's Armed Forces lose 6-0

SHILLONG: Shillong Lajong FC began their Durand Cup campaign blanking Malaysia's Armed Forces Football Team 6-0 in the opening match of Group E. Everbrightson Sana and Phrangki Buam scored a brace each, while Treimiki Lamurong and Deibormame Tongper added a goal apiece.

Tanvi, Vennala sign off with bronze

SOLO (INDONESIA): Rising shuttlers Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla signed off with bronze medals as India ended their impressive campaign at the Badminton Asia Junior Individual Championships here Saturday. It was a historic first for India, with two women's singles shuttlers finishing on the podium in the same edition of the event.

India captain Shubman Gill and KL Rahul hit half-centuries on Day 4 in Manchester | PTI

GILL AND RAHUL START FIGHTBACK

Stokes century gives hosts unassailable 311-run lead before the senior batters help India hold their inning together

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India 1st innings: 358; **England 1st innings**: Stokes c Sudharsan b Jadeja 141, Dawson b Bumrah 26, Carse c Siraj b Jadeja 47, Archer (not out) 2; **Extras:** (B-8, LB-15, NB-14, W-1) 38; **Total:** (all out in 157.1 ovs) **669**; **FoW:** 8-563, 9-658; **Bowling:** Bumrah 33-5-112-2, Kamboj 18-1-89-1, Siraj 30-4-140-1, Shardul 11-0-55-0, Jadeja 37.1-0-143-4, Sundar 28-4-107-2; **India 2nd Innings:** Jaiswal c Root b Woakes 0, Rahul (batting) 87, Sai Sudharsan c Brook b Woakes 0, Gill (batting) 78; **Extras:** (nb-4) 4; **Total:** (for 2 wkts, 63 ovs) 174; **Bowling:** Woakes 15-3-48-2, Archer 11-2-40-0, Carse 10-2-29-0, Dawson 22-8-36-0, Root 5-1-17-0.

AFTER conceding more than 600 runs, India had a nightmarish start to their second innings of the fourth Test here at the Old Trafford Ground on Saturday. Opening the bowling for England with only three overs remaining before the lunch, Chris Woakes claimed back-to-back wickets of Yashasvi Jaiswal and B Sai Sudharsan even before India could have opened their account.

Losing two wickets in the first over immediately put India on the back foot. Every ball bowled after that became an event with the English supporters egging on their bowlers each time they steam in to bowl. Captain Shubman Gill and opener KL Rahul, however, saw off the remaining 13 balls making sure India did not slip further. The two then started rebuilding the innings post break with Gill being the aggressor. He also offered a chance, although a difficult one, to Liam Dawson at gully when he was on 46. A few close calls and play with caution approach meant India went to tea at 86 for two with Gill unbeaten on 52 and Rahul playing on 30.

The visitors then reached the three figures mark in the next 10 overs as the batters started looking more comfortable in the middle. Rahul also brought his half-century in the due course of time. England tried to bounce the batters out but they negotiated those deliveries carefully to keep India in the hunt.

Post drinks, Gill and Rahul accelerated the run rate as India reached 164/2 after 58 overs with Rahul overtaking Gill. The last over saw Rahul being hit on his left knee but that didn't deter him or Gill from carrying on the job they had undertaken - taking India unscathed into the last day. At stumps, India were 174/2 after 63 overs with Rahul playing on 87 and Gill on 78.

Earlier in the day, England skipper Ben Stokes and all-rounder Brydon Carse went hammer and tongs as India bowlers looked helpless in the morning session. Jasprit Bumrah and Co conceded 115 runs in a little over 22 overs in that period as England put 669 runs on the scoreboard and took a huge first innings lead of 311 runs. The total is now the highest at the venue surpassing Australia's 656/8 against England in 1964.

The huge total meant India also ended up conceding 600-plus runs in Tests for the first time since 2014 when New Zealand scored 680/8 against them in Wellington. The hammering at the hand of England exposed the team's bowling attack. Ahead of the series, captain Shubman Gill had said their priority is to take 20 wickets as a Test match cannot be won without bowling out opponents twice. But there seems to be a stark difference between their words and actions. Unlike what Gill said, the team management is going for batting depth even if it means sacrificing a specialist bowler.

The warning signs were there when Gill and Co could not account for 20 wickets in the first match of the series at Leeds. Needing 371 in the fourth innings to win the first Test, England openers - Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley - added 188 runs as the team coasted home with ease. In Edgbaston, India bowled out England for 271 in their second essay thus winning the match by 336 runs. They did better at Lord's restricting their opponents to 387 and 192 runs in the first and second innings respectively but failed to achieve the 191-run target to lose a closely-contested battle.

Even if they had picked 20 wickets each in the past two matches, their inclination towards all-rounders is an open secret now. And as was expected, It started costing them dear at Manchester as England plundered them for runs with Joe Root becoming the second leading scorer in Test history with his 150 while Stokes slamming his first century in the format since June 2023. Such was the hammering that four of the six bowlers India used conceded more than 100 runs. Jasprit Bumrah, India's lynchpin, gave away 112 runs in 33 overs, the first instance of him conceding 100 or more runs in a Test innings. Besides him, Mohammed Siraj, Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar also conceded more than 100 runs in their respective spells.

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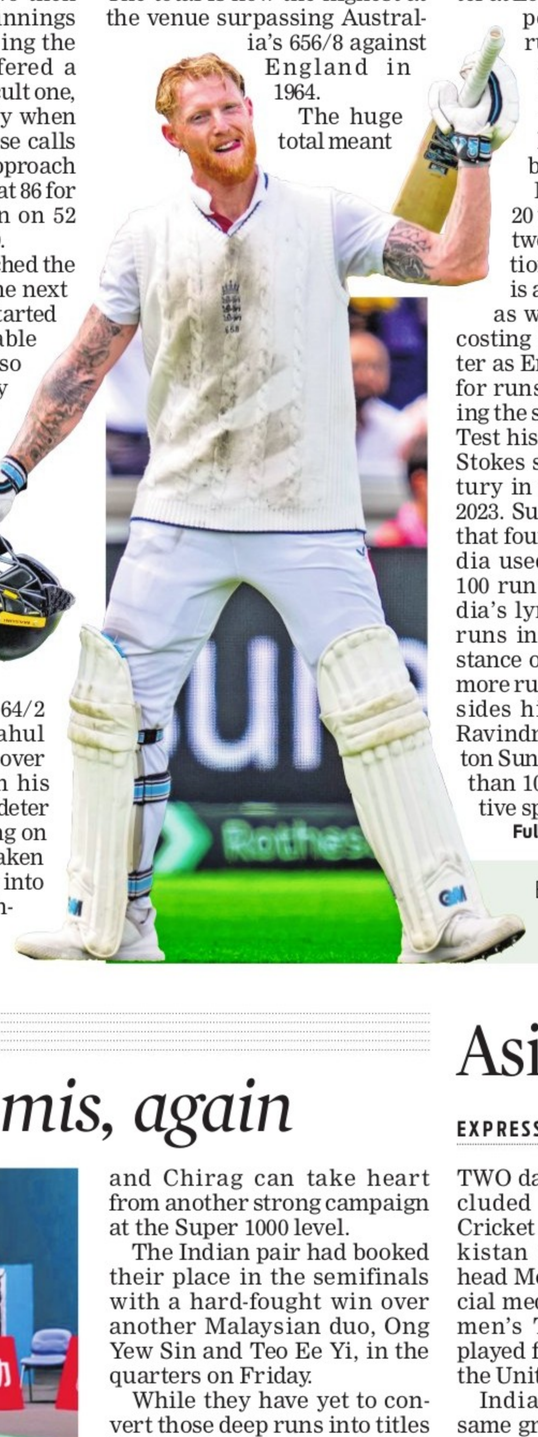

England captain Ben Stokes celebrates his century on Saturday | PTI

Kuldeep conundrum continues for India

FIROZ MIRZA @ Manchester

IT'S difficult being Kuldeep Yadav. Even more so with each passing day with your team on a downward spiral and you cannot do much other than watching the horror show helplessly from outside the boundary ropes. For the fourth time on a trot, the left-arm wrist spinner could not find a place in the playing XI in this England tour. The team management instead decided to go with its approach of adding more depth to the batting department by including two all-rounders.

On the Old Trafford surface which is known to give some purchase to a specialist spinner as the game progresses, India decided to bring in fast bowling-all-rounder Shardul Thakur in place of injured Nitish Kumar Reddy. Agreed, they did have spin bowling-all-rounders in form of Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar but the former has impressed more as a batter than as a bowler in the series so far. He scalped four wickets in the ongoing Test but by then England had already taken a huge first innings lead of 311 runs to push the visitors to the wall.

Kuldeep last played a Test in October 2024 when he claimed three wickets against touring New Zealand in the first match of three-game series in Bengaluru. He got injured after the first match and was replaced with Tamil Nadu all-rounder Washington Sundar for the next match in Pune. The 30-year-old Uttar Pradesh spinner was unavailable for selection for the subsequent Australia tour and instead headed to the BCCI Centre of Excellence for a long term resolution of his chronic left groin issue. Overall he has played 13 Tests so far picking up 56 wickets including four five-fers to his credit. With England facing driest spring in over a century, pitches for the five-match series were expected to be helpful for spinners raising hopes of Kuldeep, who had returned to the national fold. Unfortunately for him, even the drought-like situation in England could not help him regain his spot in the playing XI, at least in the first four matches.

Morne Morkel, India's bowling coach, admitted after the play on Day 3 that they are trying their best to find a place for him. "I think it's finding when he comes in, how can we find balance and how can we get that batting line-up to be a little bit longer and stronger. We've seen in the past that we've lost wickets in a heap and Kuldeep is world-class and he's bowling really well at the moment. So we're trying our best to find ways for him to get in. But unfortunately with that, just the balance with the batting throws it out a little bit," he said.

Jadeja, however, as a spin all-rounder has not been that effective especially in the English conditions. He has played 14 matches in England so far including the first innings of the Manchester Test and picked up 29 wickets at an average of 51.34, which is quite high in comparison to his career average of 24.93. In fact, his batting average is better in England. Even in the ongoing series, he is not the leading wicket taker among the spinners. Shoaib Bashir is leading the chart with 10 wickets from three matches. With the spinners claiming seven out of 20 wickets till England's first innings, the surface definitely has something for the tweakers. Had India decided to go with Kuldeep, he could have played a key role in the match.

Unfortunately, that was not the case.

CHINA OPEN

Satwik-Chirag stumble in semis, again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

INDIA's premier doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty stumbled, yet again in the semi-final stage of a BWF tournament this year.

This time to similar faces Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia, for the second time this year at the China Open on Saturday. They lost straight sets (13-21, 17-21).

The World No 2 pair have proven to be a thorn in the flesh for the Indian duo. In 14 meetings between them and the Malaysian pair, the latter have maintained a dominant record. Notably, Aaron and Soh had also ousted the Indian pair in the quarterfinals of the Tokyo Olympics.

India duo Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy in action | BADMINTON PHOTO

Chia/Soh will now face the Indonesia pair of Fajar Alfian/Muhammed Fikri, who beat the Chinese pair of Wang Chang and Liang Weiking.

Despite this setback, Satwik and Chirag can take heart from another strong campaign at the Super 1000 level.

The Indian pair had booked their place in the semifinals with a hard-fought win over another Malaysian duo, Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi, in the quarters on Friday.

While they have yet to convert those deep runs into titles in 2024, their steady presence in the business end of major tournaments keeps them among the top contenders on the circuit.

They also reached the quarterfinals at the Indonesia Open and suffered a second-round exit at the Japan Open last week.

Asia Cup: India to play Pak on Sep 14

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

TWO days after the AGM concluded in Dhaka, the Asian Cricket Council Chair and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) head Mohsin Naqvi took to social media to confirm that the men's T20 Asia Cup will be played from September 9-29 in the United Arab Emirates.

India are Pakistan are in same group and will play each other on September 14. Should they advance, they could play each other once in Super 4s and in the final again. India, Pakistan, UAE and Oman are in Group A while Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Hong Kong are slotted in Group B.

The BCCI will remain the tournament hosts but it will be played at a neutral venue i.e UAE. With the two subcontinental giants playing each other only in a neutral venue as per the earlier agreed upon decision, the entire tournament will be held in the UAE instead of being played in India.

This news comes after the recent controversy of a veterans' cricket match that was to be played between India and Pakistan in the World Championship of Legends (WCL). It got cancelled after the Indian players refused to take part due to the prevailing tension between the two countries. As late as May, cross-border tensions between two countries escalated, leading to the temporary suspension of Indian Premier League and Pakistan Super League. Since then, whether India should play Pakistan or not has been a raging debate. Even the current head coach Gautam Gambhir had said that in his personal opinion, India should not play against their neighbours but it is upto the government and the BCCI. It also put a cloud over the Asia Cup but things got cleared after the ACC AGM.

Fixtures: Sep 10: India vs UAE, Sep 14: India vs Pakistan, Sep 19: India vs Oman; **Super 4s:** Sep 20: B1 vs B2, Sep 21: A1 vs A2, Sep 23: A2 vs B1, Sep 24: A1vs B2, Sep 25: A2 vs B2, Sep 26: A1 vs B1; **Final:** Sep 28.

TRANSFORMING BASTAR, TRANSFORMING CHHATTISGARH

Viksit Bastar" is not just a slogan — it is the story of transformation that will establish Bastar as a self-reliant, inclusive, and empowered region. This initiative is not only improving the present but also laying a strong foundation for future generations. Our goal is not just development, but inclusive development — one in which every farmer, woman, youth, and tribal citizen actively participates. The Viksit Bastar plan is not only about economic progress; it is also a path to social empowerment. We are committed to giving Bastar the identity it truly deserves — a self-reliant, proud, and progressive Bastar. This change is not a dream; it is a reality taking shape on the ground.

-Shri Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

BASTAR MOVING TOWARDS PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT WITH PEACE

New avenues for Agriculture, Industry, Tourism, Education and Technological Advancement have Opened up due to Positive Policies of the Government

The entire Bastar, full of dense forests and natural resources, remained untouched by development for years. Bastar, which is often in the news for its unique tribal culture and picturesque natural scenery, also had to face the brunt of maoist violence, but now a new era of development with peace is beginning here. Bastar is rapidly moving towards progress. under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, the vision of "Developed Bastar" is coming true on the ground. This is a time strategy in which priority has been given to the Inclusive development of tribal communities, through programs like 'Niyad Nella Nar', access to government services and facilities in maoist-affected villages has been made possible along with this, the skill development of the youth is being ensured and they are being linked to employment and self-employment. The era of latest applications in agriculture has also begun. farmers are being provided with ample help and extensive efforts are being made to expand irrigation projects. with these combined efforts, Bastar is now moving ahead continuously and creating new dimensions of progress.

NIYAD NELLA NAR SCHEME

Facilitating Holistic Development in Rural Areas

The transformation in these villages is not just about infrastructure, it's about restoring faith. The people of Bastar are rediscovering their joy, their pride, and their hope for a better tomorrow. In the Maoist-effected regions of Bastar, 64 new forward security camps have been established. Villages near these camps are now gaining access to vital services such as electricity, water, healthcare, and education, Under the 'Niyad Nella Nar Scheme', 146 identified villages are simultaneously implementing 18 community services and 25 types of government schemes. Residents are being provided with benefits such as ration cards, Aadhaar, pensions, health check-ups and school admissions,. In the words of one villager, "Bastar is changing, and so are we." The Niyad Nella Nar initiative is more than just a government scheme—it's a lifeline. It's the promise that no matter how remote, no village will be left behind.

SCHOOLS ARE OPENING DOORS

The Naxalites, who preach false principles, have also been staunchly opposed to the education of children. They have always feared that if the new generation of Bastar becomes educated and aware, they will not be misled by them. In the last 20 years, the Naxalites damaged more than 200 school buildings. Now, about three hundred and fifty closed schools have been reopened in the Bastar division.

BASTAR IS NOW ON THE PATH OF CHANGE AFTER OVERCOMING VIOLENCE

Naxalism is the biggest obstacle to development in Bastar, which has a tribal majority population, unique natural beauty and is rich in natural resources. Naxal violence has spread its tentacles here in the last 4 decades. They hindered development work with violence at gunpoint. Naxalites misled the innocent tribals for a long time through their false and hollow principles. They tried to scare them by resorting to violence. They denied children the right to education, robbed them of their childhood, and dragged them into the cycle of violence. They shattered families, abducted daughters, and forced them down the same path of terror.They ruined many families. They kidnapped daughters and took them on the path of violence. For this reason, Bastar, which is full of resources, got the stigma of being one of the most backward areas of the country. But now the government led by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai in Chhattisgarh is determined to completely eliminate this obstacle to development with strong will power. Now the day is not far when the dark shadow of Naxalism will be completely eradicated from Chhattisgarh. A Naxalism has been broken here, now only its complete elimination is left, the deadline for which has also been fixed. The atrocities committed on the helpless tribal villagers will now be accounted for. They will now get justice. They will now get their prosperous Bastar, which will be completely free from the clutches of these violent people and will move forward at full speed on the path of development. If we look at the past of Naxalite insurgency shrinking in Chhattisgarh, it has been very painful. Due to Naxalite violence, the local people of Bastar have suffered a lot for about four decades. There are many such bitter memories which can never be forgotten, and whenever we remember them, the courage to defeat Naxalite violence becomes even stronger. The police and security forces are standing on the Naxal front with full courage and soon the Naxals will be completely wiped out.

SUCCESS IN OPERATIONS AGAINST NAXALITES

(From December 2023 till date)

Neutralize-	436
Arrested-	1457
Surrendered-	1432
Mines Confiscated-	673
Arms Confiscated-	555
Established Camps-	64

A NEW BASTAR IS EMERGING FOR PROGRESS, PEACE, AND PEOPLE'S POWER

Bastar is witnessing the dawn of a new era—one where democracy triumphs over the rule of the gun. Under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the dynamic leadership of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, the Bastar region is undergoing a multifaceted transformation. With targeted initiatives across critical sectors including agriculture, tourism, and cultural revival, Bastar is emerging as a symbol of inclusive development and grassroots empowerment. The "Self-Reliant Bastar initiative under the broader Rs 75 lakh crore Vision 2047 aims to double the state's GDP in five years and raise per capita income tenfold. The Chhattisgarh government is giving topmost priority to Bastar, aiming to bridge the development gap through targeted employment and livelihood schemes.

DEVELOPMENT WITH CULTURE AND NATURE

- Efforts to get International recognition for Bastar Dussehra
- Development of bastar tourism circuit
- Emphasis on promotion of local culture and tradition
- Tourist guide training and employment opportunities for local youth
- Construction of glass bridge at Tirathgarh Waterfall

PROSPEROUS FARMERS, PROSPEROUS BASTAR.

- Climate-based promotion of Maize and Millet cultivation
- Crop diversification, organic farming and expansion of irrigation
- Incorporation of modern techniques in farming to increase the income of farmers
- Fair price and market availability of agricultural produce through processing units and marketing channels
- Enhancing both nutrition and health by promoting traditional millets
- Efforts towards connecting organic farming to the international market
- Additional provision in the budget for fisheries, goat rearing and pig rearing

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

- Programmes like Mukhyamantri Kaushal Vikas, PM Kaushal Yojana and Niyad Nella Nar provide training and employment opportunities to the youth
- Vocational training to 90,273 youth
- Direct employment opportunities to 39,137 youth
- Establishment of 32 new skill development centers
- Trained for employment to 222 people under maoists self-surrender policy 2025

PROSPERITY FROM LOCAL RESOURCES

- Special incentives for Bastar division under industrial policy 2024-30
- Royalty reimbursement to steel industry for 15 years
- Employment Opportunities and wage subsidies for self-dedicated volunteers
- Additional 10% subsidy for setting up industries to ST/SC category
- Special priority given to youth from tribal and rural areas in the new industrial policy
- Preparations for setting up of big industries in bastar
- Promoting domestic and small scale industries and linking products to the regional market
- Target to increase women participation in industries to 40%

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